Dream III
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I notice my shoes do not move, and yet they are meant to walk. Why don't they? Is it because of the weather, too hot? On the other hand, lots of shoes are out walking today. I've never seen my shoes that still and silent. Has something happened to them or to their families? There are other shoes in the closet too. By this time, they surely have begun to see each other as family. I look around in the closet and see nothing particularly wrong, except that all the shoes are still and silent. Surely, something awful has happened among them. What can I do to help, and how can I help if none of them tells me, not that I expect them to talk, but shoes have a way of letting you know when something is wrong: scuffed toes, broken shoelaces, worn down heels and so forth, and now so silent and still, but all are in good shape. Physically, there is nothing wrong. But unhappy. About what? That's the question.