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Students in duffel coats with pointed hoods  
Like animated charcoal crayons  
Sharpened, grey and pencil-slim  
Go hurrying through the rain, book-laden  
Soaked by spray and splashed by glistening puddles.  
City shoes slide upon the water polished pavement, and the leaves,  
Whilst umbrellas blossom here and there  
Like tropical flowers, swaying in a grey monsoon.

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