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Pigeon

They discussed the height of the pajamas,
One said, "The cuff should be this high, above the ankle."
The other showed by touch,
"It should be up to here."
Then they moved on to moustaches,
One said, "There shouldn't be hair on the lips."
The other, running his finger over the smooth area of the moustache,
Said, "It should be shaved clean from here to there."
Then suddenly, they moved on to the miswak (toothstick),

One showed the place in the pocket
Where the miswak should be kept.
Then one emphasized and mentioned
The correct length of the miswak.
Next, they came to the verses,
One said, "Reciting such-and-such verse controls blood pressure and
sugar." The other said, "Reciting such-and-such verse this many
times
Earns the reward of feeding 100 hungry people."
Then one said, "Women are walking in the market, Uncovered."
The other said,
"They're standing at shops, drinking juice, like men."
Just then, the sound of the call to prayer (Azaan) came from the
nearby mosque, And they walked quickly toward it.
After performing Wudu (ablution), they made their intention and
Fell into prostration.
Now the troubling news from the newspapers
And the burning issues of the country
Had vanished from their memory.
Meanwhile, on the roof of the green building in front,
The pigeon sitting there
Closed its eyes
Upon seeing the cat approaching.

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