

Sounds on an Evening Walk

Click-clack of push mowers
Low buzzing of electric ones
Clip-snip of hand-held trimmers
Swish of broom sweeping the clippings

Purr of European sports cars,
Rattle-ti-bang of teenager's clunkers
Revvng of motorcycle engines
Whirring of bicycle wheels on asphalt
Clackety-clatter of skateboards crossing the cracks in the sidewalk

Yip-yapping of small dogs
Husky snarly, breathy growling of big ones
Heavy snorting through holes in fences
Padding back and forth on hard paw-packed yards
Chains dragging along to a snap
Gasp of dogs trying to get us, but we're out of reach.

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