

THE URBAN CROCODILE ●

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moving slowly
to the park
its rope is long
enough for all
the children holding
on in pairs
one each side
teachers walking
front and back.

The crocodile keeps
the children safe
connects them to
the rope and through
the rope connects them
to each other
by their choice
or failing that
by command.

The crocodile's made
of many races
and bold jackets
bolder hats
the crocodile speaks
many languages
some for chatter
some for tears
some for silence.

The crocodile says
you can't have one
without the two.

The crocodile says
you can't have two
without the many.