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Cumulative Sentence Exercise

Add at least three free modifiers to these main clauses, varying the position of the modifiers. Try to include as much sensory detail as possible.

1. Four women in red walked to the podium
2. Then I heard the siren blare
3. She raised her hand
4. The feather bed beckoned me
5. Five sparrows huddled near the bird bath
6. The speaker paused
7. Joan could play the piano for hours
8. The old man's eye remained fixed on me
9. Ocean swells moved rhythmically toward us
10. The little girl stood at the top of the stairs

Compare your cumulative sentences with someone else's, considering the kinds of details each of you added to the main clause.
