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## Daybreak

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## **DAYBREAK**

*Dustin Brown*

We wander through the morning  
shaded sepia by sidewalk chalk.  
Knuckles graze, but fingers never meet.

The moon is still full,  
a mellow silver supported by stars  
trying halfheartedly not to spill.

Our palms finally touch  
on the bridge; fireflies  
flutter around our shoelaces,

lost in the autumn dew.  
A loping tune ballets through my mind,  
the mourning lullaby of cicadas

who trace your name in limelight.  
The sun, scarlet, brightens,  
and you toss away my hand.