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Pissing in a hot shower
Red clouds at my toes
And I remember how it ached
To be cast as the star
Of your slapstick gluttonous act.
Not one creative thought
In your sterile mushy brain,
Yet I was the clown.

A shadow puppet makes your jaw slack
And a low-cut dress quivers
Your pasty tense thigh.
Clap for the entertainment,
Spit wet crumbs out of your gaping bear trap
When a woman walks by.
Denying autonomy
Over your jerking and leering.

Smile for mom's thousandth picture,
Her sweet bouncing predator.
And remember that the subject of this lesson
Is keeping warm
With body fluids and affirmations
From a self-sustaining head,
Wishing you a stroke
Of genius that ends
With retraction and an asexual rebirth.