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boredom (cont'd)

and they hang so low
 so heavy
 and so thick
that i feel
with my entire being,
the total consummation
of

boredom

Julie Clark

Self-portrait standing at the window
November 25, 1977

Upstairs above a store,
half a factory six blocks long in view,
unfinished projects draped across
the chairs, stuffed into drawers
and closets, stacked up in closed rooms.
In the distance my marriage
clanking softly in the shadows,
the last ship in a defeated navy
hiding in the bay.
The dog laps water in the kitchen.
White curtains.
Snow on all the roofs.

Richard Stravers