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He was talking and disrupting class.  
Again. You asked him to quiet down.  
He kept on yapping.

You asked a student nearby  
to get his attention. *Hey*  
and a tap, tap.  
No luck.

You lightly tossed the chalk.  
It dropped on his shoulder,  
fell to the floor. He stood up  
and demanded an explanation.

You told him if he couldn't be quiet  
he could leave. He left,  
said he was going to get you.  
His thick finger stabbed the air.

Your Head demanded an explanation  
and formed a special faculty-  
student committee to investigate.  
The student made a chart  
of the chalk's trajectory.  
You'd never seen him so engaged.

The student newspaper said  
you had to go. *Chalk Thrower*  
scrawled on your office door  
in ink. An apology was demanded,  
and counseling.

Your colleagues shunned you.  
Except for Jackson. Jackson, who sleeps  
with his students whenever he can.  
He put his arm around you.  
*Make love, not war*, he said.