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A tear that rolls down my face and falls to the pavement  
sends echoes through the empty halls of yesterday's dreams.  
It opens the way to remembering the used-to-be's and might-have-  
been's  
the hopes I left lying crumpled in the corner  
on the floor of my childhood  
the plans and ambitions that I forgot  
until one of my gods or another swept them away.  
Tears here lie beaded in the dust in these now empty corners  
mute and accusing for the waste of a youth.  
The echoes now are of a closing door  
and footsteps that leave these empty halls behind.