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# Angel

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Your shoe is untied—  
flittering glittering little lace  
trapped in this time and space  
after the tears are gone  
the scent of despair lingers on  
smoke floats around your head  
the halo of dread  
it is okay to cry  
every now and then  
short boy-hair and angel eyes  
you're thinking about yourself  
talking about someone else  
on the steps of memory  
footfalls linger silently  
calm and steady  
but you're crying inside  
telling nothing  
and saying everything.