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## Crushed American Dream

*Meghan Pearl*

The independent illusion rushes to make the grade  
To buy the car, to make more money, to live the American dream  
The flowers in the front lawn are crushed under black shoes rushing to the office  
Yet, the invincible clock keeps ticking, and the hour comes when his legs are  
exhausted  
A momentary pause allows a realization  
From this chair, the trees on the new TV don't look as attractive as the ones seen  
through the window  
The actual reality of the outdoors provides an inexplicable comfort  
Another chime and back to the earth the previous "individual" falls  
Absorbed into the mysterious eternal cycle that his living self never recognized  
A red flower decorates the gravesite  
And is crushed by his son's black leather shoes, rushing to the office after paying  
his last respects