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## Hem Street Bruce Gracka Jr.

Gaining ground on the Low part of your back Smile sweetly *tell me* **Quiver** at the touch I've never known Such sullen days In my head A myriad of false starts And things not said And I weep for all The ground that's been Lost.

## With Great Fervor Chrissy Bruzek

And the way you take the pennies out of your loafers because you think they make you look too dignified. So you walk around town looking down, ashamed to look anyone in the eyes anymore. You'd never dare do anything to bring anyone's starving attention to your starving personality.

And the way you watch the second hand on the clock until it aligns with the minute hand Because you like things to be even and orderly Due to the fact that your mom still lays out your clothes every morning with such determination In hopes that her young man will grow up with dreams And grow up like the second hand kissing the minute hand But she knows that you'll really be the one doing the kissing.