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Saying Something

My friend's daughter

I hadn't noticed

watching

spoke to the side of my face,

“You don't talk much.”

I turned my head

toward the voice

and there she was

next to me,

apparently,

the whole time

“Really?” I asked.

she shook

her head

“Hm.

I used to talk

a whole lot.

Guess I learned.”

Brothers

Woke up at 6am
and there was piss all over

In the still pale pastel
Sunday morning
you could see
the wood floor's slant
by which side of his
wet jeans
the puddle came to rest.
Amazing; a bladder's capacity.

Laying there looking
like a beached donkey
mated with a baby bunny.

Goddamn, I thought,
I've never pissed myself.
Are these the times I
missed, all
those years working
instead of partying at college?

Well, I've dealt with sandy diapers and
naked pooped on the floor oopsies,
carried an ill father to the toilet.
the only difference here is
20 some years and
a drunk.

Not worth losing sleep over
I turned the fan on
and went back
to bed

Thy Kingdom Come

At the church festival

there was a banner

above a tent offering

FREE STUFF

There's not much else to say

just a bunch of Catholics

clamoring

for the cheapest

option

Penthouse Suite

I live onna top floor've
'at building. Penthouse suite.
Always lookt like a beehive t'me.

I moved in'ere fourteen years ago.
Woman in charge felt bad fer me
bein' sick'n all an
she gave me a room at da top floor.
Government housing.

I had bedbugs
4 times in my place. Dey come in
an'ey spray poison, an'ey move aroun' da building.
Like little musical chairs.

Then we all take ar furniture
let it rot outside in a sun an rain
unused.
It's like a dump out back dere.
But we're por people, we can'afford
new furniture.

It's three-seventy-nine a month,
'lectric'n heat included.

I think about movin out, I say I want to,
bin sayin it fer years ...but

with th'economy so bad,
I dunno- y'know?

But after da last time
dey spray fer bedbugs
I outsmarted'm
an I got'n air mattress,
which is real nice cuz
the bugs can't crawl up
when I'm sleeping, it's slippery
an' ey fall offa da sides tryin'da get ta me.