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## Concrete Sky

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My hand slipped and dropped  
A bottle onto the slanted pavement which  
Impedingly began to leak through  
A now cracked cap. Reaching  
To retrieve it, my eyes caught  
The image which was now being  
Drown across the ground by invisible  
Fingers of the wind into lines who  
Branched off of each other as parts of  
Them are stolen by rogue gusts. A few  
More daring fingers flick away a dozen  
Tiny droplets who land in the next tile  
To alone, dot a concrete sky above  
A liquid forest acting as beacons towards  
Which the fingers will blow wishing  
To catch something beyond the current  
Slab. Free of confinement and open to the sky.

## THE PLAYGROUND: A MYTH

Saffyre Falkenberg

Kronos and Rhea drop their brood off for  
the first day of school, waving goodbye as  
the little gods and goddesses enter the classroom.

Zeus makes friends with all the little girls.  
He throws stormy tantrums when things don't  
go his way.

Little Hera is jealous of the attention Zeus gives  
the other girls. She wants Zeus to only play house  
with her.

Poseidon is in charge of feeding the class's pet fish.  
He always fights with his brother, Zeus, even though  
he never wins.

The teacher is concerned about Hades, since all he does  
is draw pictures of people getting killed. She will call  
his parents in for a meeting.

Ares likes to kick sand in the other kids' faces and  
push them down. Though he always seems to  
be in a fight, the teacher never notices.

Athena sits in the corner and reads storybooks  
most of the day. When Arachne says she can  
color the best, Athena puts a spider down her shirt.

Apollo blows on the recorder all day long to impress  
the little girls. They think he's gross and hide  
behind the trees in the playground.

His twin sister, Artemis, pays him no mind.  
Declaring that all the boys have cooties, she catches  
bugs on the playground with her band of friends.