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## McKinney Park

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## ALONE

Taylor Roseberry

I want to go  
to the park  
Alone.  
I want to wander  
around the trees  
beneath the leaves  
Breathe in the  
soil that crunches  
below my feet  
and do whatever I please.

But how can I when  
I'm frightened of  
who may lurk  
Waiting to hurt a  
foolish woman like me  
Who dares to do  
what she cares  
Alone.

After all, I hear  
about it on the news  
Everyday a new  
story of abuse  
A woman kidnapped  
from her car at the gas pump  
A woman killed  
after a breakup  
A woman raped  
at the park.

So, what am I  
supposed to do  
in light of all  
this grisly news?  
Do I put my life on  
hold and wait for  
others so I'm not  
Alone?

But then I wonder  
is my world view skewed?  
Is what I think  
the truth of things or  
some hellish fantasy?  
Should I just go do  
what I'm scared  
to do despite  
the possibilities  
Alone?

I want to.  
God, I want to  
But I fear that I'm not wrong.