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You were in the lightning  
begging me to dry the pavement.  
I cant  
I shouted  
I cant dry the pavement.

Your knees pressed into it; you  
began to wave your hand  
back and forth, water  
puddles splashing  
into raindrops  
that fled  
from  
you.

You can dry the pavement  
you muttered  
but I cant. not with  
with all the towels  
to gag myself and  
not with all the lungs  
to drown myself with.

I told you to get out of the lightning,  
that some clouds are menacing  
that they tell you they're hiding the sun  
and you would never know that they're  
lying.

Tell the sun to dry the pavement.  
The sun isn't here yet, come inside.  
The pavement is wet and I dont want it to be  
make it dry again!

You paused and began to push your chest inwards.  
You started thrashing, making the faces you should  
when weeping, but you had no tears, just a mouth  
pressed on both sides, eyes like you shut the grand  
canyon; you kept pulling your head down like you  
would a lamp switch. I wanted to tell you the water  
began to boil, and I could have sworn it was ink,  
how black your clouds were. But instead I shut the  
door; sat on the steps beneath the porch roof, and  
watched you burn in the water of a summer rain.

"You cant dry the pavement!"  
I whispered as you seized from side to side.

**Peeling Paint**  
Bridget N. Scott-Shupe

