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after Charles Bukowski

too soft
too smart
too much
to worship

in the shattered hands
for whom i repent
laughter, or fear.

(then)

strangers with broken
noses followed me
through your field;
i found virginity,
a gleaming tin can.

(now)

your footsteps bark behind mine:
cheap and wiry, sloppy and devious;

i've learned that loneliness is born
inside murderous guts and dead mothers.

i remain, afraid,
suspended,
molded.

(today)

men are not good to women.
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