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Walking

I walk down the street in faded jeans.

Joan Crawford smiles greet me as I pass the Five and Dime.

Hardware stares hammer at my head-----

Loosening gray matter and tightening an open mind.

I dart past a plastic Volkswagen.

The driver shoots me a catalogued bird.

With careful aim I shoot him two back.

Looking at me with a McCarthy smirk---he chuttles on.

I stand in front of the Civil War statue.

Steely-eyed and twice as hard as their hero, the people pass me by

Apathetic parking meters become my only companions.

Peek-a-boo street lights control my feet as homeward in silence

I run.