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## **Untitled**

I felt free!  
Finally:  
Like a zoo animal  
Out of its cage.

A sudden wind shivered through me.  
Pulling my jacket tighter,  
I huddled  
Hurrying to get home.

I turned up the street;  
Saw gum on the ground...  
A sudden pull made me react.  
Fast.

I took my sandals off,  
Getting his hands off me.  
He held me tighter,  
The thought of death  
Came to mind.

I slipped off'  
Like slime,  
And took off.

He caught up  
To me,  
Revealing what only  
Mothers and wives should see.

I couldn't believe he did that.

I ran like I was racing in a marathon  
Saw my Dad  
Hopped in the car,  
And told him the story.