

skin

the skin on your thighs is so rough
embarrassed
she looked down as he washed her
she knew they were fat too
not long a teenager but she was good
at critiquing herself, self-loathing
then he kissed her
does that mean she's ok?
or that she needs liposuction?
or maybe her legs chopped off?
he was supposed to uphold the law
but instead he was breaking the rules
she felt uneasy yet special
trapped by her mind
flattered yet no appreciation for who she was
slowly dying in her own skin
as her waning confidence
went down a dark alley
the malignant melanoma
gripped for dear life
her life

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