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Skeletal, midnight-lycra masked, Mistress marched.

One, two, three, four

and

five, six, seven, eight.

Nine.

My nine year-old mind,
choreographing internally, and waiting...

for my debut, when

thick, French-tongued Mistress demands:
free time, dance!

My nine-year old mind
willing, waiting for the spill
of my crime.

One two three four, five six seven eight
nine

ten

Gag yourself.

Gag yourself, again.

Gag yourself, thin.

For

Mistress and her manic demands:

Float,

Float!

Chassé- Chassé,

Plié,

Demi- Plié,

Chassé- Chassé,

Jeté,

Bravura Fouetté...

Finish.

Skeletal, my nine year-old body,

Prima Ballerina –

even

if

I

die.