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Gaining ground on the  
Low part of your back  
Smile sweetly *tell me*  
**Quiver** at the touch  
I've never known  
Such sullen days  
In my head  
A myriad of false starts  
And things not said  
And I weep for all  
The ground that's been  
Lost.

## With Great Fervor

Chrissy Bruzek

And the way you take the pennies out of your loafers  
because you think they make you look too dignified.  
So you walk around town looking down,  
ashamed to look anyone in the eyes anymore.  
You'd never dare do anything to bring anyone's starving attention  
to your starving personality.

And the way you watch the second hand on the clock  
until it aligns with the minute hand  
Because you like things to be even and orderly  
Due to the fact that your mom still lays out your clothes every morning  
with such determination  
In hopes that her young man will grow up with dreams  
And grow up like the second hand kissing the minute hand  
But she knows that you'll really be the one doing the kissing.