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He dodges kids in the halls, almost with a half-time feel of uncertainty, hunched over the geometry and chemistry books he cradles tight to his body, like a precious newborn. His Hanes tee-shirt clings to his molded chest, taut in his faded Levis. From behind black plastic frames his eyes are fixed on nothing, and his soft, full lips part at the sight of long, shaven legs.

His cautious head bows to the trodden linoleum, as the slicked-back curls resting atop his head, cautious themselves, crawl down his forehead until a whole mess of separated brown ringlets hide him from the intimidating masses of high school jocks and jerks, and especially women.

My intrigued eyes stare with curiosity as we begin to pass, and from behind the cascade of curls, his baby blue lookers sneak a peek at my green gazers and whisper a thousand words he'll never speak.

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*"Love consists in this that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other."
- Rainer Maria Rilke*

