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## Degas, Little Dancer

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## French Ice Dancers

She wears red  
Whirling wild

Her fire draws the pale partner  
into combustion

He wears black  
kicks hard and fast

The man cold perfection  
The woman fiery passion

As music pines, beats  
rattles for this one ephemeral  
moment

They dance on wicked feet  
he lifts her to just the right height

Jump quick land  
Feline leg stretched fast retracts

Skirts swishing, red hair clamped  
she throws a leg over his

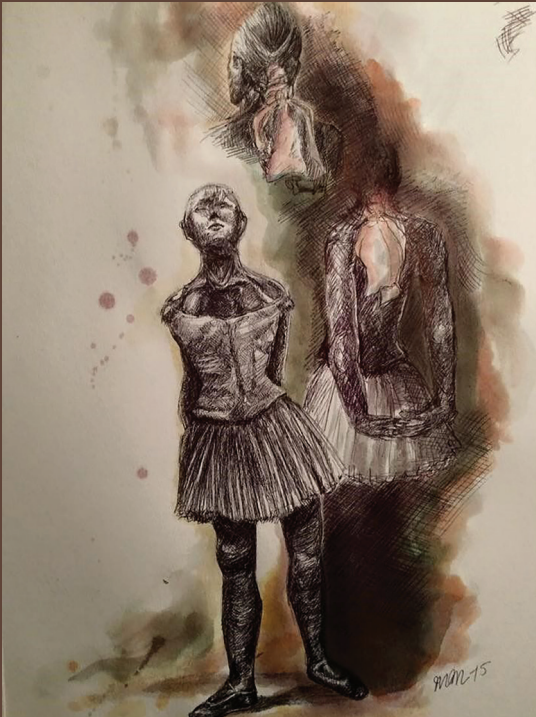
They flow seamlessly together  
as flame on flame

Yet he is detached as ice  
almost as strong

Stamp stamp every move  
calculated

Silkily flirting she fans his spark  
until they are

hard to catch  
hard to stop as fire



*Mardelle Fortier*

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