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Paralysis

by John Van Rys

Wanting is not willing
nor yet doing. It's shores away
from fullness and seventh day rest.

It is desire
with wings to fly at it
clipped.
It's the apartment complex
voyeur, concave lenses extending
his lazy eyeballs.
See also the drone bee, charmed and placid,
at the sidelines of the pollen dance.
It is the womb empty, like the tomb
without any resurrection.
It is this body
when its only working muscle
is the tv flicking thumb.
It's the book bought
with thirty silver pieces, promised
pages left for dead, unread.

Anybody out there
got a miracle cure? know
a healer who can cast out
this web-weaving demon?

I would kiss his feet
annoint them too
with vegetable oil
providing I can raise
my smelly, thread-bound carcass
out of this chair.