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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.