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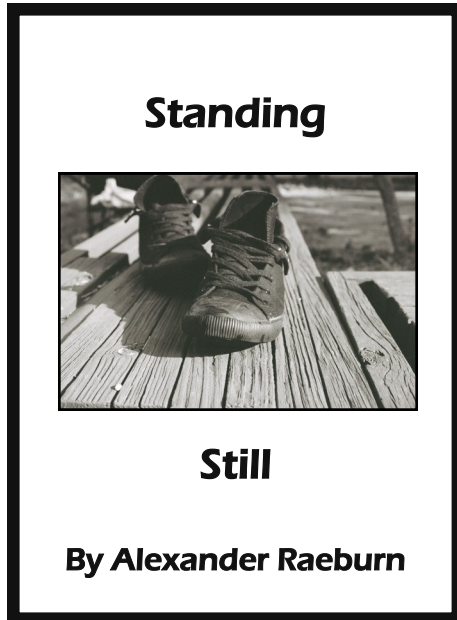
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Standing Still

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Poem 5 - Wrong Number

He asked why I called at 2am.
Because you offered me a job,
I said.
You've got the wrong number,
but good luck.
He called me Sir
then hung up.
Poem 6 - The Whole
- dug by shovels,
fear and feigned,
forced, smiles,
I am where I am
and I'll go where I go.
If you want the rest,
take the shirt off my back.
I don't much mind
anymore.

Poem 8 - Just My Everything

You can have
one thing
from me
but you have to
wear it,
be it,
feel it,
and know it
always.
It's the best day ever.
So you can have my heart.
Keep it safe.
OK?

For E.L.K.

She's the only one
who ever
made me
stand still.

Thank you forever,
Alexander Nicholas Raeburn

Poem 4 - Barefoot

She made me cry.
The whole thing went to shit
and I didn't know her name
but she chased me down
barefoot in the rain
and kissed me
and I cried.
So we walked back.
And she pulled out the couch.
When I woke,
I said,
Thank you for making me
sleep inside.

Poem 3 - Just In Case

When the car brakes down
and you try
with both feet
to run through every town,
beyond what you've seen
and known and heard,
beyond the silence of suffering
and dreams,
check your back pocket
and hope you brought along
the one thing always needed.
Keep forgiveness close.
And be kind to your fallings
just in case.

from the sound of rain

Poem 1 - Be Silly

Anger can take you places.
It truly will.
But you'll only go backwards,
and always up hill.

Poem 2 - Pitter Patter

The best thing I've done
with my entire life
is happening right now.
I'm just sitting here
wrapped in a blanket
remembering that,
when the time came,
I gave everything I had
for the woman I love.