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SOCIAL DANCING



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social dancing
at ten or eleven
once a week
after school
we meet in the cafeteria
properly attired
groups of boy and girls laughing, giggling and snickering
until
miss malmberg, the principal arrived
amongst bows and courtesies
we fox trotted
waltzed
and even cha cha'd
but really this story has gone on for too long
it is not about the dancing
but the dance after the dancing
it must have been winter
class was dismissed
we clambered about the coat rack
hats coats
gloves

Maurice Mancini
social dancing

on taking down my facebook page

after reading
Sherman Alexie's poem
The Facebook Sonnet

Lynnie Gobeille

Sometimes
facebook
was a blessing.
Sometimes
i felt "as if"
i was back in 7th grade,
seated on a metal chair....
during
"social dancing lessons"
sweating,
waiting
praying

to be picked
to dance
before
the teacher
could / would
pair me up
with the
OTHER
fat girl
in my class.

my gloves
were gone gloves
Lynn had taken my gloves
my memory has discarded some details
the facts remain true
Lynn had taken my gloves
repeatedly to my request for their return she denied their possession
seemingly taunting me with her denial
I went home without gloves
probably with hands in my pockets my own
returning to school next morning
Lynn greets me
here are your gloves
those are not my gloves
I retort
no bow no curtsey
no dance
a lesson I long remember