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Some store bought face with a bottled blonde until I am  
no longer recognizable or sane because my brain is  
overwhelmed from the adrenaline produced by  
my two hour death-defying jog is beautiful.

Maybe a body that is so skinny the spinal bones jut  
out of the back like rocks in the ocean's side, only to  
realize that the iridescent tank you bought just doesn't  
fit you the way the fashionably hip sales clerk said it would.

Somewhere you may have went wrong with that dark line  
smothering your eyes and the clumps that overshadow  
your lashes until they are no longer fine extensions of  
your eyes but rather the glue that holds your eyes to your face.

Beauty is the expensive pair of designer jeans you  
bought that not only look dirty and stained but also  
seem to have been worn before you by someone who  
thought cutting holes in them was a good idea.

Can you imagine a world without Barbie and Cosmo  
Lingering over as the all knowing and perfect mold  
Of what being a beautiful woman is only to find out  
That the mold doesn't fit you or anyone you know.

Beauty isn't bought, packaged or sold. It's not the latest fashion trend  
or the to-die-for color. It is the spark that lives inside that if given  
the chance shines brighter than any firefly in the night. It's a gift  
to those who have an opportunity to somehow glimpse it's natural form.