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poem by
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she scrubs her skin in a boiling shower
from four a.m. 'til winter's lifeless dawn
the stains are untouchable, permanent, so
Julia knows she isn't the flower she once was
and fears she will never again be pretty
she feels disgusting, filthy, violated
she just wants to disappear
she blames herself—she let him buy the drinks—and now
as she holds her mouth open, letting it fill with water
Julia secretly prays she will drown*

*reread, from bottom to top



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