

Girl Praying

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officially she prays
for the sick
for the unfortunate
for children
in detention

secretly she prays
for her father

for she has seen
the malice in his cheeks
the fleshy
petulant knowledge
he will always get away
with things
and evil thrives
without apology

she has no choice
she has no other father
to love except
possibly
this incomprehensible
God

