

# Bum on a Stoop in Paris with a Bald Head in the Rain

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Bum on a Parisian stoop begging  
with his big Jackson Pollack  
bare head in the rain  
The water running in streaks  
all over his brain  
Reminding him of a painting  
he once thought of  
Keep going, you're coming back  
again. Get out of the car wreck  
Unwrap yourself and your young girl  
from that tree  
Hide your bottles beside the road  
Can you wake up  
and hear the sirens now?

