

Jimbo's Wish

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growing up

fumbling for excuses
your fingers, clumsy little
pads of flesh you don't
recognize
a scatter plot of acne
that won't erase
by mirror

why this scene doesn't work

kissing the detachable lips
of bobby-soxed method
girls
who keep feeding
you
non sequitur lines
from Chesterfield commercials,
why filterless is so good for you

how your heart is a pier
for survivors
of over-the-counter narratives
placebo plots
pouring sugar
in the old wound
of a veteran

&

all you think about

every every every day
are girls & suicide

James Dean (did)(did not) write this

