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Sixty Stories "Wet Cement"

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This is the story at the crosswalk: the cars drive right up on my shoes.

These days bad days are common. The city is changing.

A jackhammer bounces off the walls and bounces back to me in stereo.

The sidewalk is fresh, the cement shines. I write your name next to mine.

Bridges take years to build but they begin to fall apart with a few days of heavy traffic.

I like tall buildings, but it's disconcerting when they grow up in groups, dies in the centre.

The sidewalk is fresh, the cement shines. I write your name next to mine.

The city strikes. The garbage lines up.
Bags bloat all night, bloom when the sun comes up.
I make a fist and punch the crosswalk pole--the cars stop.

I reach the sidewalk with an expected sense of relief from dodging cars and kicking cartons.

I have faith in some things, like the constant ringing in my ears,

Still, I think good days are coming.

The city is changing, the cement shines. I write your name next to mine.

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