

**Wilderness House Literary Review 7/1**

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**Prayer for Losers**

God of failure  
why do you haunt  
the streets we walk  
the hovels we occupy

Why not illuminate a street once  
warm the cobblestones  
give us four walls  
with a stove and television

Make us stop drooling  
in front of women (men)  
move our eyes back where they belong  
give us the power to heal

We need a message for success  
a run for the roses  
a touchdown in life  
at least one victory