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Chad Parenteau
Husk

Any body
but mine

uneaten bread
out too long

hardens heartily
no one willing

to touch
first slice

both ends as ass
to connoisseur

broker deal
break by blade

Solomon's grainy
whiny loafabout

pushed to
no taste

bit once
spite last

wonder why
privilege cast down

breaking up
hard chew

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Jesus saves dinner
sends back.

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Con Fess

Running low
surface sketch

Even attorney can't
tell what you don't
already know.

Flakes frustrate
shake well often
rinse through.

Disciples know
when detached.

Can no longer
fake it till
they make it real.

They troll for you
to trawl your own soil
anything fertile.

They sit by bed
ready to bury.

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Re: Solve

What can
be done

reality
teevee

rerun
returns

receipt held
over head

retread
old ground

you repeat
offend calling

go away
a retreat

relabled
repast

turning
disaster

into
adventure

no well
come back

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remember
who joked

watching
you burn

home coming
into view

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Squat

Halfway home
is not quite.

Play musical chairs
don't stop tune.

Pause might reveal
you laying down

bedsitting upright.
mattress not yours.

Half in, half out,
leg down, light on

ready to go
if asked how you slept.

One word answers
else they interject

notice eviction
for this moment.

Hang your hat
in their memory hole.

Luck invites you
back weeks later.

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U in Morning

Give us this
our daily threats.

They will leave
without you

and will on
in spite of because

of all
already done.

Balance needs
on shell

already cracked
to leask.

Silent cries
for help

angels answer
pin prick

hands off
not now.

Go to
bed without

Don't want you
see you tomorrow.