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Poise and grace mean nothing
To the one who holds you down;
There is nothing safe
But the inside of your eyelids.

The one who holds you down
Hides in your dreams, images dancing
On the inside of your eyelids.
No escape from the crawling of your skin.

Images hiding in your dreams
Have no control over you.
There is no escape from the crawling of your skin
But to find solace in the shards of those beside you.

That person has no control over you.
No greater strength than
Those beside you
And the backbone you're building.