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Caring for a wounded knee, I search about for gauze, Under sight stopping fleece, A bruise warrants no pause. Damned pavement bit my limbs So many times before, Gets in my way every time I fall upon the floor. Cement is against me, And why I'll never know. Sometimes just to spite it, I firmly drag my toes. Other times I run and jump Way up in the air And bring elbows crashing down Into asphalt's cold stare. Peace will not be, 'tween us, As if it's writ in laws, Caring for a wounded knee, I do not see the cause.