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He was talking and disrupting class.
Again. You asked him to quiet down.
He kept on yapping.

You asked a student nearby
to get his attention. *Hey*
and a tap, tap.
No luck.

You lightly tossed the chalk.
It dropped on his shoulder,
fell to the floor. He stood up
and demanded an explanation.

You told him if he couldn't be quiet
he could leave. He left,
said he was going to get you.
His thick finger stabbed the air.

Your Head demanded an explanation
and formed a special faculty-
student committee to investigate.
The student made a chart
of the chalk's trajectory.
You'd never seen him so engaged.

The student newspaper said
you had to go. *Chalk Thrower*
scrawled on your office door
in ink. An apology was demanded,
and counseling.

Your colleagues shunned you.
Except for Jackson. Jackson, who sleeps
with his students whenever he can.
He put his arm around you.
Make love, not war, he said.