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FOR JUDITH MINTY

Across the room she sat, legs crossed
With
Her long poem
Wallowing in her lap,
And
Her glasses hanging from her neck;
I’m sitting on the edge of my seat
With
My ear stuck in between her teeth
Waiting
Waiting for her drool to
Wash my eyes free from
The cracked and peeling plaster just
Opposite her fresh shadow bending
Bending away from the bright lights

JEFF WILLS

A MIND SUICIDE

I being of
sound mind and
body
do hereby declare that
I
vertically place this
yellow pencil (eraser end)
between my brows
lean forward
place the lead tip
on the table top
and
looking down with both
eyes
jump off.

JAN SPIELMACHER