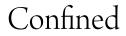
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## Confined

by Mattie Shepard

You left me a Jackson Pollock painting, each color conflicting overwhelming all-consuming emotion splattered across the canvas of my brain.

I put myself on display, hoping to be called beautiful by strangers. They can appreciate but not understand the painterly work that went into this, so after feeling worse than before I retire to somewhere less public and become my own sort of Pollock-like mess.

When I was ready I chipped off every color one by one until only flecks of you remained, I have a whole new arsenal of colors and with sturdy brush in hand, I'll spend hours, days, months, painting until that canvas looks like me again.