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**Old Friend**

They stripped you of your dignity  
Then mocked the fearful underneath  
You ran away and later told me  
    "I can't be seen like this"  
I guess your wish was granted  
Your ghost still haunts my mind  
    I hear you crying often  
But I can't retrieve your pride.