

THE PARALYTIC REMEMBERS

*'But that you may know that the Son of Man has
authority on earth to forgive sins...'
He said to the paralytic, 'I tell you, get up,
take your mat and go home'
(Mark 2:10-11).*

If you have always stomped on virile legs,
you would not understand the wistful glow
that haunts the eyes of all who suck the dregs
of palsy. Frustration simmers low
within the heart—and how you long to tread
with your own feet, instead of being lugged
on someone else's, like a lump of lead
bound for the smelter, or some glaze-eyed, drugged
decrepit beast fit for slaughter. I know,
for till He came, that's how it was with me.

I can't forget the artificial woe
that masked the face of every Pharisee
when plaster, grime and dust cascaded down
upon their laundered robes, polluting them.
Little they cared for me, although renown
of my condition was widespread. Condemn
me if you like for selfishness, but I
was glad to see them set aside.

They let
me down before Him; He did not decry
the way I came. The words He spoke are yet
impressed upon me. Sins forgiven first.
Then healing, too. The joy, the awe, the fear,
the trembling thrill of strength's resurging burst
into my thighs, my knees, my toes! I hear
today the wondering, staggered, eager shout
of those who witnessed it—they had no doubt
that I was healed. My faith it was, He said;
and by His power, He raised me from my bed!

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