## Albert & the Ice Cream Truck

Albert scratched his forearm Listening for the chimes Whistling Dixie Doodle Dandy Clutching at his dime Sweat dripped from his forehead Flowing down his locks 'Oer his steaming body, downward Soaking his damp socks. Wishing there had been ample time To ask Mommy for the dime. Steaming inside Broiling alive Listening for chimes Squeezing his dime.

Albert strained his eardrums He heard a ding-a-ling A smile spread over his features As he listened to it sing. Wet fingers hotly sweating Squeezed his security The price of small refreshment To cure hot humidity. Mom's purse was just passively sitting there Don't think that for a dime she would care. Squeezing his dime Hearing the chimes Steaming inside

Broiling alive.

Albert saw it coming Albert squeezed his dime Which slipped through sweating fingers, rolling Before the chimes. Bending to pick the coin up The truck ran 'oer his head Scattering Albert's grey stuff all over Making Albert dead. Wishing that there had been ample time To ask Mommy for the dime. Poor Albert died Clutching his dime As the bright chimes

Distantly died.

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ALBERT AND THE ICE-CREAM TRUCK ROBERT J. (A MODERN TRAGEDY) MARKS I (OPUS 51) AL- BERT SCRATCHED HIS FOREARM AL- BERTSTRAINED HIS EARDRUMS LISTENING FOR THE HEARDA "DING-A-AL-BERT SQUEEZED HIS AL-BERT SAW IT COM.ING om WHISTLING 'DIX IE CHIMES SMILL SPREAD O'ER HIS FEATURES AS DOODLE DY CLUTCHING AT HIS LING" HE LISTENED TO IT WHICH SLIPPED THRU SWEATING FIN GERS, ROLLING DIME -BE FORE THE 0 SWEAT OR IPPED FROM HIS 1 FORE - HEAD DIME WET FIN-GERS HOT-LY SWEATING SING BENDING TO PICK THE CO IN UP F FLOW-ING DOWN HIS LOCKS O'ER HIS STEAMING PRICE OF SMALL RE-SQUEEZED HIS SE-CUR- IT -- THE TRUCH RAN O'ER HIS Y THE HEAD SCATTERING AL-BERTS om G7 G 0 SOA KING HIS DAMP HOT HU MID. I DOWN SOCKS BODY WARD FRESHMENT, TO GREY STUFF AL COOL MAK ING AL.BERT O'ER DEAD Am ۸m Δm WISH - ING AM PLE SITTING AMPLE THERE THERE HAD MOM'S PUASE WAS WISH ING THAT BEEN JUST PAC-IVELY THERE HAD BEEN

