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We Hang Silently in a Floor Full of Laughter

Stony gray eyes rise above
bewildered cha cha feet
I try to dance but can't get by mirror eyes
Reflecting hardness creeping
out of voice tone
fake laugh
into blank stares
Shivering in your shadow
Mirror eyes can't dance
Stony gray eyes look past
faltering cha cha feet

–Nahanni Rous,
Ninth grade, Oyster River High School,
Durham, New Hampshire

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"Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads."

-Erica Jong

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