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Stooping now
to retrieve a dropped pen
then standing again,
an act so ordinary
the brief passing
vertigo once
unnoticed now
triggers thoughts
of unruly neurons
plotting their next
choreography
the next slapstick
they'll direct
at my expense,
my pride,
perhaps even
my breath.

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