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what were you thinking – what were you thinking you crazy young fool – you crazy young fool – you could hang from a balcony seven floors up? swinging yourself back to safety again?

from an opposite window – across the street
i watched you stretch on a balcony rail –
i watched as you carefully let yourself down –
i watched as you hung there – kicking your legs –

i froze as you tried to struggle back in –
i froze as your fingers loosened their grip –
i heard when you suddenly screamed out for help
and watched as you fell – slowly and fast –

down past the trees and into the bush – to vanish as if there was nothing else left – 9-1-1 on the phone and i rushed down the stairs racing the street into the trees –

i found you face-down – alive – still alive – sweaty and cold – i heard that you breathed – grey t-shirt and blue jeans – ragged and deep – you struggled to gasp and I knew that you lived –

my hand on your shoulder i said help was coming – stud earring – blood nose – i talked till you moved – you didn't hear me – you tried to get up – paramedics – then ambulance – they took control –

i later walked home scarcely knowing or believing what i had seen – or what could be real – who are you? i don't know and may never will but i do wish you well – you crazy young fool.

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