Beautiful Thin Skin

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In the shower
because she’s dirty
she’s sweaty high
in the shower
wash away pretty grease
six lies, watching
water run drip cold
over hot heart thudding
pound. Rinse hair
peach scrub
cream rinse
mashed into her mind
rose pink clawed
frosted glass slide
water breathe fast
slow to calm this stream
mustn’t pass this gift up
soap in the air
clean every inch thin
knock on the door
to know
if she’s alive
freely gliding powder
she doesn’t
know why
hot water razor
perfect body
knocking and
she’ll be out
in a
minute.

L. Madeline Wiseman is from Ames and other places. She spent last semester in Wales and traveled everywhere she could think of. Notice the incorrect sentence structure and spelling. Next fall, she hopes to be in Australia or tim-buck-two (and who is this guy anyway) and maybe, she’ll graduate May 2002.