

45TH ST. GUTTER FALL

scuff plastic sunglasses clatter a red
notebook slaps the sidewalk her purse
lands perfectly set as if placed to stand
on a hallway table don't get up yet
slowly now a man kneels at her side
another fetches the sunglasses a third
the red notebook a woman tracks back
the gutter has brushed three black
streaks down her shoulder back and leg
where she rolled over the curb the rain
begins to wash her skin as people stop
watch stand and I'm wearing white
trousers she laughs accepts her purse
her notebook her glasses branded

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