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Born and raised in Seattle's Haller Lake neighborhood, JOSHUA MARIE WILKINSON holds a BA from Western Washington University, an MFA from University of Arizona, and an MA in Film Studies from University College Dublin. He is the author of two book-length poems: *Suspension of a Secret in Abandoned Rooms* (Pinball, 2005) and the forthcoming *Lug Your Careless Body out of the Careful Dusk*—which won the 2005 Iowa Poetry Prize and will be published in early Spring 2006 by University of Iowa Press. His work has appeared in *DIAGRAM*, *CutBank*, *Phoebe*, *Spork*, *Barrow Street*, *Crab Creek Review*, *Pontoon: An Anthology of Washington State Poets*, and elsewhere. He writes reviews for the Seattle-based journal *Cranky*, though presently he lives in Denver, Colorado where he is pursuing his PH.D. in English and Creative Writing, and completing his first film—a tour documentary about the band Califone—entitled *Made a Machine by Describing the Landscape*, due out in 2006.

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When the missive arrives
Anna lifts
her blouse, tucks the envelope

into the front of her blue skirt
& locks herself in the bathroom.

I like it when the camera stops
outside a door like this
& just waits a moment, listens.

Lugged the stars
down to pull them through
the river-soup.

From the porch my father is pissing
into the dust & dark.

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