

## A Poem on the Underground Wall

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The last train is nearly due,  
The underground is closing soon,  
And in the dark deserted station,  
Restless in anticipation,  
A man waits in the shadows.

His restless eyes leap and scratch,  
At all that they can touch or catch,  
And hidden deep within his pocket,  
Safe within its silent socket,  
He holds a colored crayon.

Now from the tunnel's stony womb,  
The carriage rides to meet the groom,  
And opens wide and welcome doors,  
But he hesitates, then withdraws  
Deeper in the shadows.

And the train is gone suddenly  
On wheels clicking silently  
Like a gently tapping litany,  
And he holds his crayon rosary  
Tighter in his hand.

Now from his pocket quick he flashes,  
The crayon on the wall he slashes,  
Deep upon the advertising,  
A single worded poem comprised  
Of four letters.

And his heart is laughing, screaming, pounding  
The poem across the tracks rebounding  
Shadowed by the exit light  
His legs take their ascending flight  
To seek the breast of darkness and be suckled by the night.