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Black Raspberries

are squashed by rose-colored soles.
Watch as they burst with detainable joy
oozing fractured, into the concrete slits,
sweet nothings.

Their nectar tears
through each drupelet.
Tear droplets

Frivolously trying to
nestle comfortably between those bottomless crevices
mistaken for refuge
a home
a place to root.

When they reach those fissures,
they fall
like a steady stream of water
From guns
Aimed at soaking children
and idling adolescents
And slumbering men.
Few are fair
Most are swarthy
worthy and unlucky enough
to pay our fare
to enlightenment.
Being aware is our only hope.
to care about the wellbeing of
Our children
Our adolescents
Our men,
is a task
bittersweet and heavy ladened
Like the blood of mutilated black raspberries
which right now
Falls
and ricochets off the cemented walls
waiting to reach the bed
to nestle
to rest
at the bottom.

Pleading to reach the end of this inky journey