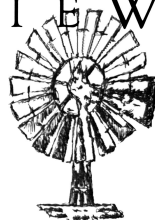


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# SPUN GOLD

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His mother warns the tow-headed  
lad of five or six years that all four  
legs of the chair must touch the floor,

but the tot favors three so pushes  
and swivels on this number then crashes  
to that floor of which she warned him before,

yet rises with top more of a mop  
and a spring in laughter as well,  
abashed a bit by the will of the seat

that wouldn't stand his brand  
of sitting, thus mom admonishes—  
says she told him so, but listening

now is not for his soul. He spins toward  
the low window's glass, a heel or some toes  
on the linoleum squares in his pas d' un.

May his luck wind out with his tumbling  
years, beyond mom's clasping words  
and this somewhat soft, semi-safe room.