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# DAWN OVER A SMALL TOWN

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## Dave Malone

High school cross county track stars  
blaze past the insurance woman  
in front of a glass building.  
She fumbles with keys and a divorce.  
There's her long face in the window.  
It shines like melting ice  
and warms up the morning.

## Author Biography

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