LACC Writing Contest Poetry 2nd place

Title: Danny's

Entrant: Benjamin Maries

Danny's

Late night waitress

eyeliner dragnet

weighing down her lids.

Hasn't had a decent night sleep

in at least 15 years.

Her son is graduating come summer

caught him stealing

menthol cigarettes from her purse.

He breaks off the filter,

said he can't feel anything

since his daddy left.