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**HERE IS THE TEST OF A GROWN MAN'S WORTH** in the stadium where the pendulum

**drops.** *Swing to the rhythm of knees bending, hearts knocking*

a **BLOW** to the chest makes hair on the neck give an OVATION.

the crowd like an ocean. **PORES LIKE SAND ON SKIN'S SHORE**

*SALT WATER RAINING* from each one. And while the feet anchor, the arms *SAIL*

and

**I M P A C T.**

Waves roaring the defeated *falling*  
head clashing with the surface

**RED SYRUP LEAVES HIS LIPS**

and all this time he

was thinking of his

**father** IN THE CASKET

where the pendulum

*lies.*