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# **HINTS AND ALLEGATIONS**

*by Howie Good*

You know how you catch a glimpse of yourself in a store window when you're out and about? Well, I've got scars and stuff up and down my body. All these years later, I still have difficulty talking about it. I'm not afraid of dying, no. It's just that there are demolished houses, overgrown paths – things no one is able to convincingly explain. I keep thinking, "This has to stop," but it doesn't, ever. Just this morning, I found a dead robin covered in ants beneath the feeder.

*Art: "Happiness" by Fabio Sassi*  
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# **THE GIRL WHO LOVED SPIDERS**

*by Russell Hemmell*

I eat flies and weave a silk web for a living,  
you chase spiders at night.

When you work at your desk, slim and radiant,  
I look admiringly  
at the colour-dripping paintbrush dancing under your fingers.

You create worlds as smooth  
as the palace of leaves that's my home  
- a thousand gleaming castles  
gorgeous enticing carapace-tingling.

One night, I will creep closer.

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