

# Poets

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## Elegy for Josef Hassid (1923-1950)

The violin's chin rest is a chopping  
block. Upon it, you set your head, tilted just.  
You close the eyes, raise the bow,  
and Father's gushing applause cuts

out like a tap turned tight. Nothing left  
for needles to plough but the pops  
of one November's runout grooves.  
These days, we press such silence with blues.