

# Old Cold House on Marrowstone

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BLUE HERON MIDDLE SCHOOL | 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Asbestos halls and subzero walls.  
Linoleum floors covered in scratch green carpet.  
The kind of carpet that catches on the gentle  
curves and calluses of your palm.  
The sharply cut stones propping up books, a  
repeating ritual of frothy blocks.  
A warm kitchen table looking out over the  
rainswept hill.  
The moldy, cracked cabinet doors crumple.  
A rickety half wall covers the steep steps to  
the dirt floor basement.  
Deteriorating desk plastered with bills and notices.  
Couch covered in wrinkles  
as the bone marrow gutter outside prickles.

