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So tightly I'm wound,  
I recoil when struck.  
Compressed like a spring.

I'm constantly fondled,  
Examined and lifted on high.

A pale white complexion,  
red lines all over my face.

I'm beaten repeatedly,  
A club of ash, or metal,  
will do for some.

A crack so loud,  
Heads turn in awe.  
So hard I'm struck  
I am half my size,  
for a moment.

Then I uncoil into action.

I've traveled a great distance.

Short lengths at a time, once

In New York I once soared,

Over barriers, into seats,

I hit the ground, rolling

at my lovers feet.

The pain of a hundred collisions,

the joy of thousands is heard.

I endure this agony, for

the greatest of sensations, is

I am the center of attention,  
between the lines.