

Superhero Complex

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you stand there, glued to the television

f-f-Flashing

Spider-man 3.

red and blue spandex suit

on

computer-enhanced muscles.

as motionless as a statue

you stand.

I wonder what you see in this, why a seven-year-old with

Clark Kent glasses

needs a fictional superhero to look up to

I

could tell you that you are

hero enough.

Vanquisher of bedtime

Defender of little sister

Destroyer of the stutter

Spiderman shoots silver silly string

and you gasp as he falls

(though you've watched this movie 17 times already and

know

that he catches himself and you are, in fact, saying his lines with him as he's falling)

the final credits roll, and

(like a twig)

you SNAP!

from your TV-induced stupor

to grab the remote, and

(using your super button-pushing powers)

go to the menu... and watch it AGAIN.