



The graceful arch was tucked snugly
into a spike heel ~~and~~ only hours before.
Those arches now sit in a pair of mud
crusted Nikes.

They ~~are~~ are planted before nine bodies.
ripe with sweat and pain induced tears.

Those arches are an unforgiving
working at Maybottle stained faces
listening to ~~straining~~ strained moans.

Ten cutting voices scream out
urging the nine to pump their bodies
up and down

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without any ~~sign of~~ light at the
end of the tunnel.

Eight now

One ~~body~~ faceless body gives out
Elbows sway
collapse ← ON THE SWEAT STAINED
CONCRETE

And the ten swarm

like vultures ~~on a carcass~~.

Picking at roadkill.