

POETRY

DESECRATION

How pure was this paper on one time!
 it's sheerness b'reft of bleeding scratch of pen
 oh such sweet virgin void that lay in wait for
 tongues of rhyme
 such sweet potential buried deep therein
 and I! to mar the woolen white with blue?
 so proud that my own thoughts should stain the
 page!
 tis just to have my crack'd tones booming forth
 soft flowing tears or fierce unbridl'd rage
 True,
 once begun the poem or prose it seems
 to rise alive as up from maidens' dreams

The White-Horn rears its mystic head
 blinks at tis own existence
 each poem so breeds itself complete
 without mortal assistance

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THE GUNNING DOWN

End of flesh
 pain-patterned choreography
 Battle cries
 freeze-etched in soft anatomy
 Slow bullets
 bending form to shrieking parody
 Mid the music
 punctured muscle shrieks in fright
 Leaps to splash slow-ribboned birds
 to liquid flight
 Flowers unfold in flesh
 a bloom of tragedy
 Body spins and dances
 sharp cacophony
 Joints steel-slashed
 limbs, pummeled, flail in harmony
 Mid the chaos
 bone gives birth to razor shards
 Cracked asunder; buckled
 body tumbling hard
 Upon one knee
 flesh wavers upright
 magically
 and shreds of heart
 in chest
 still twitch erratically
 Now the weaver
 stitches out
 his mortal victory
 As burned intestines
 burst from body cavity

As perforated skull cracks
 through the tattered shreds of face
 And chunks of jellied soul
 blast free
 meet earth in dark disgrace
 Mid the silence
 soft dust settles in a shroud
 He makes no protest
 long past being proud

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