

they took my fingers, one by one
and pulled them off
they pulled them off

I pulled my hands back
I put my hands up
but there were palms and knuckles and blood
and nothing after that
nothing of any use

they took my arms one by one
they pulled them off

I ended at my shoulders
I was nothing after that

they took my legs one by one
they pulled them off

fingers and arms and legs

stacked on a desk
tokens on a boardgame
bones for the dog

not mine.
not me

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