

Dissections

Poetry

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Once you've torn a hole through skin
and pulled muscle from bone,
it gets easier to envision a bullet
doing the same. Once you've felt
a rib snap, you know how little
it takes to tear open your chest.
How cursed it feels to open a body
and look at yourself and see
how quickly you both fall apart.

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