

## Lawrence Arms "Detention"

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baseball bats and salivating mouths in a square room,  
doors pocked. once again i'm alone insie a crowd, a  
misplaced throw, a misplaced swing and everything  
unfolds. a microcosm of humanity, a microcosm of  
cold ... the waves wash over another. anxiety, proximity  
erupting from the chemistry of testosterone, isolated  
until the first fists fly. instincts pushed to breaking  
points, surging bodies, snapping joints. two shoes lost  
inside a fray, two socks on laminated hardwood. 360  
degrees into harms way. a length of lead grazed the  
side of my head. as others fall and others leave and  
others how their vampire teeth. two chunks from my  
neck, four lips that drip with skin, socks that slide as  
the blood runs down my neck or over two strange  
chins. there is no way out of detention. rage pushed a  
doorway down. fear carried me past the last contusions  
hurled at bodies on the ground. dizzy terrified awake in  
sweaty skin, "mom, i'm never going back to school  
again."

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