Lawrence Arms, The "Detention"

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Baseball bats and salivating mouths In a square room, doors pocked

Once again I'm alone inside 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 show their vampire teeth

Two chunks from my neck,
Four lips that drip with skin,
Socks that slide as the blood runs down my shirt
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"
No, I'm never going back to school again
Never going back to school again
No, I'm never going back to school again

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