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I was looking at him & he  
was rapt in the sun

leap-frogging over the California valley. A heartless game of king-  
of-the-hill: I bury desire with sneaker trampling;  
fertilize the green-gold patches.

Hook him  
from the armpits. Make him beg  
for his uncle.

Headlock & drop  
to my knees like two blades  
of a crashing anchor:—

Throw ourselves overboard or  
to the wind or  
whichever he prefers.

We fall head-over-groin-over-  
baseball-cap.

Remember: dicks & balls are just things to punch  
or be punched in:—or doodle on his notebook when the teacher isn't looking.

Who was wrapped in who  
while we slow-tumbled like yesterday's dirty

laundry? How will I re-explain  
the grass stains & purpled cheek?

The school-scape still orbiting my sunlit prayer:  
When:—O when:—will he punch me again?