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Winsom, *Untitled*. Acrylic on canvas, 22cm x 28cm.

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Hospital

The doctor
doesn't feel your pain
he can insert
his plastic fingers
between your boneshafts
slide his alcoholic knife
through muscle
as easily
as any madman
holds his weapon
beneath your skin

Think of this: your body as
a wet rag laid out
on a table like a pig for a feast;
decipherable, wine-red
corpse without
guilt to be maimed
scribed like a target,
war-zoned, mapped.

The only pity
is your consciousness
like glass shards in your guts
a bit of clutter
to be put aside

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