

On Seeing Chuck Marten perform again*

I gave up my past for this shit,
sitting day after day at desks
and waiting for a diploma that will never
come.

My hands have fallen into the
slashing rhythm of a pencil on paper.
I have no more new things to say.
Stick a fork in me
I'm done.

...but there were nights two years ago
when I was up on stage
(or whatever we had that passed for a stage),
and I was alive,
not just from adrenaline but
potential.

Those nights have buried themselves alive in my mind
And now I fear I will never be there again
I will never be there again
I will never be
Never be
Never
be

And this is all the potential I have left...

-Aaron Black

*Chuck Marten is a local rock band known for their strong live performances.