

body language in parts

“someone mentions brushing their teeth
and we all quietly tongue for plaque
underneath our closed lips”

“wanted to grow my nails but instead
i think you are all giving me dirty looks
and my eyes might be throwing you knives back”

“chew on a strand of my hair, gripped in teeth
wind it up nice, tight, round your index finger.

thumb at a palmful of my small intestines
knead it good, please, and roughly”

“i gum at the cud of my tongue
licked pink with the sweat of holding.

press my face into the sunken rest
between your back-turned shoulder blades”

“balled small
all translucent
and fleshed
treading at
my hurt
with your unfelt
petal toes”

“curled up
all body
and flesh
swaddled
in the hurt
of my unfelt
nurturing”

“all the lengths of you are sick
and so tired
laid out like that you look
almost flat
your eyelids are heavy and only
let in half
of this room
too thick
with sympathy to ”

“I wont look directly at it
i can only stomach the sad
if it is kept laid flat
in the margins
i stare with intensity
at their slant shoulders
sweet blond heads
a blue TV screen
and it all becomes ”

“you only use your mouth right
when you are licking up the spill of me
drip lipped, tongue wetted up
with sweet spun milk”

“glad to quiet me up as you
thread your loose ends
through the eye of my mouth
sew my throat shut, tie off and cut”

“my thumbs are glowing blue
and thirsty for some quickness
straight-to-the-tip
I suck it up with ready lips
snap a subtle pout just to show you
how good they could look
wrapped around”

“don’t want to talk about this stuff anymore
just want to feel my bralessness
against the soft of my old pyjama top
want to notwatch forensic files
but thumb at a scroll of flashing
girls in perfect lighting
everything silently flat and touchable”

“i think i like you to be
honesty is the best
when it’s a policy
i only keep for myself”

“you want to see what colour
my eyes look when the pupils grow big
but it’s not because i like you
it’s just the dim lighting”