**Embrace**

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I have killed many things

and suppose killing a man

isn't much different

than killing a deer,

but we usually waste the meat.

We have our taboos,

our rules, our bibles

to tell us when it's okay.

We've become very efficient,

and set aside times for recrimination.

We even recognize the foolishness—

that we are one body hacking at itself.

But there you have it,

our lethal embrace

and the struggle with an ignorance

so profound that we think

the darkness is outside us.