

DREAM CARCASS

Such a strong backbone
to lie naked
what was once fish
now flanked by tail
and a red-eyed head.
Feathery without flesh
nothing remains
but hair like bone.

Such a strong dream
to lie naked
what was once my future
now flanked by failure
and a red-eyed hurt
feathery without flesh
nothing remains
nothing . . .

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