

(four poems) ALEAH DYE

CW

Mention of blood; mention of violence; NSFW metaphor.

GOD IS FAIR, SEXY, NASTY

after Mac Miller

their tongue winds my brain, fingers find my throat, knotted sheets

pulled over my eyes because I am not meant to ask questions

am not meant to see their body

my body is theirs for the making, taking, having

their holy way

SACRIFICIAL LIPS AND LIMBS

a golden shovel, after a line from Hozier's "NFWMB"

There is nothing I would not make bleed for him. He fucks me with a god-touch, with intent to save my soul from the rest of me. We're safe, baby.

REFLECTING

a golden shovel, after "Angel" by Sean Hayes

I'm not sure there is a god, but you are such good evidence of design—you with your rosy lips (like an offering) and your golden eye (like a prayer). In the mirror, do you see an angel?

TROLLEY PROBLEM

loving me is hating yourself because // I see your heart // because I rip it out of you / I want to make you / better / because I know you are godlike / because you love me / and only god does that / and so god hates himself like my lovers do / I hope every day for your mercy // because you love me // you are forgiving



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