

Ribcage

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My heart sits in a cage of flesh and bone
It sits enshrined in the center of my chest
Trapped within is both love and pain equally sown
All I am is hidden under my dress

To find me is a brutal affair
A cruel act of carnage borne of care
It is to ruin me beyond repair
It is an irredeemable sin and a sacred prayer

Shatter my ribs
Rend my flesh
Rip my heart from my chest
Taste my heart with your teeth
Let my blood drip, drip down your face
Feel my entirety burst sticky and sweet in your jaws

It is messy and unholy
It is brutal and excruciating
It is loving and devoted
It is primal and it is divine

To love is to be consumed
To be loved is to consume
We are an ouroboros
loving flesh consuming loving flesh

Breaking free from that cage
That sits in our chest