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GIVE IT ALL TO ME

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Slowly,
Give me your life.
Burn your throat
Rip out your voicebox
Put it in my hand
So that I may never hear
Your harsh, slandering words again.

Your ears,
Give them to me.
So you can’t hear my inevitable mistakes
That seem to bother you so.

Now,
Your eyes.
Gouge them out with your fingernails
So you cannot see the wonders of the world
That you never appreciated to begin with.

Next,
Your fingers.
Cut them off
Put them in jars
So you can never slap me again.

The rest of your hand.
Yes,
That too
So that you can never punch me.

Cut off your feet
So that you can never kick me.

Your brain
Your heart
Whatever you have left
Your breath
Give it all to me
Your life
So that I may gain back mine.

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