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How dark and thin  
The blood that swirls from no clear spring.  
Salty dew on my forehead, a heavy breath beneath  
the mask  
Irises constricted  
Your pulse audibly racing against my heartbeat  
Palpable life slipping between the pores of soaked gauze.  
Who are you and why now?  
Who am I and why here?  
Your blood against my flesh like a final cling to human life  
A past, but not future.  
Anticipated peace as the monitor will soon be silent.  
In a millionth of a second, the turmoil of the blood  
hits my blind hand.  
A clamp. A stitch. A sigh. A future.  
Ephemeral defeat  
Eternal win.  
You'll never know.  
I'll never forget.

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