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Bully to the Brink

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I've done it.

Me too

Me too.

I laughed / giggled

CRACKED A JOKE AT SOMEONE ELSE'S EXPENSE

I spread the rumor

made fun let it go on & on

& DIDN'T TRY TO STOP IT WHEN I WATCHED IT HAPPENING TO SOMEONE ELSE

I—TURNED MY BACK

WHY?

Because I was with my friends

Because it made me feel good at the time /

I thought it was funny

I wanted to fit in

It made me feel

BIGGER STRONGER FASTER BADDER BETTER YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT—

I'VE BEEN A BULLY TOO

ONE.

He did it for laughs

to pass the time

Said—it's no crime /

It's just THE WAY THINGS GO

let them know you don't like

their hair

their clothes

their shoes

the way they walk

dance or move

or

WHO THEY CHOOSE TO BE WITH

see / if you are

MEAN ENOUGH & LOUD ENOUGH

/ people will just / FORGET EVERYTHING AND RUN

IN FEAR

& whoever can make the most people AFRAID—WINS

& it isn't my fault that you

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Are an EASY TARGET / MORE—BULLSEYE than HUMAN BEING / BUT—you are
/ SO—READY AIM FIRE SHOOT & THE BANG IS A LAUGH

& I am
THE SHELL OF THE BULLET IN YOUR HEART /
With words
SHARP AS SHARDS
like a dagger to the gut /
I shoot
I stab
I cut
I laugh & just keep on
LAUGHING / STABBING / JABBING & POINTING —AT YOU
Because it's fun

Can't you take a joke?
Why are you crying?
Stand up /
Shut up /
YOU ARE SO FAKE
Forget everything and Run /
it's just a Rumor /
Rumors can be true
rumors can be lies
take it with a grain of salt
STOP CRYING!

Remember
YOU'RE NOT A PERSON
YOU'RE A BULLSEYE
& your shoes are 2 sizes too small for my big feet
SO I AM GOING TO KEEP WALKING ALL OVER YOU

or maybe it's more complicated than that
maybe it's HOME
the fist
the punch
the fury
the kick
and the wooden spoon
maybe it's the
CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK SYNDROME /
(put up your dukes)
my world is destroyed / so I become
A DESTROYER /
Why, because I can /

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because rage is my religion
my language
my way
& my reason for existing

WHY, BECAUSE
what I see in you
is what I despise
is what I so deeply tried to hide in
MYSELF

WHY, BECAUSE
I'M SCARED—SO I SCARE
I'M ASHAMED —SO I SHAME
I'M PAINED —SO I PAIN

EXPERTLY EXECUTING
THE YOU FROM ME
SO NO ONE WILL SEE THE
MIRROR OF US
IN WE

now
I cannot stop looking at my hands
THESE HANDS
are blood red / with YOUR BLOOD
I shoved
MY SHOES—ON YOUR FEET
and never bothered to try on yours

WHY
because I aimed myself at you
READY
SHAME
FIRE
SHOOT
YOU—WERE MY ESCAPE
BECAUSE I KNOW I COULDN'T TAKE EVERYDAY—THE WAY—YOU DID
TERRORIZED
VICTIMIZED
BRUTALIZED
NOW I CRY—BECAUSE I
TOOK IT OUT—ON YOU
& you took it out with a rope to the neck
a gun to the head
a razor to the wrist

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