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THE JUNCTURE

for Pound (my dog)

Up, to late, perhaps
reading, the dog
yelping at the moon,

howling at the bitch,
in heat, a-
cross the street

O well
it troubled my sleep,
I'll tell you

But,
came quick fast dawn
& the morn again, I

awake, I
Awake & find my
dog all

hanging out,
raw, like some
lump of. . . Opened

at the juncture
of tendon & bone
the muscle & blade

of the shoulder
exposed,
red on white—

laid out, bare;
&, look, there for
christsake, what

a sight.