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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.