

Soul Coughing, Down To This

You get the ankles
and I'll get the wrists.
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You get the ankles
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You come down to this.

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Nerves are up
and the eyes all screwy
Blood like a panful
of boiling ratatouille

My muscles in a mess
like a mess of spaghetti
Hack through the mess
with a greased-up machete

Hang from the axles of a box car
Follow the dotted line
Like a steer to Chicago
But to the hooks of the Chicago man

I get all tripped up
my eyes turn to water
rug burns from a shag rug
struck dumb in the presence
polyester burns from a jacket
rub the skin thin
break down in a diner
then I paid the bill

cashier toothpick stuck in the ground
tiny lawnmower to mow me down
I could get lost in a lunchbox
lie low in the mittens in the lost and found