

# Soul Coughing, Down To This

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

&lt;repeat&gt;

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