

Vic Chesnutt, Thumbtack

take a lightbulb from the closet and replace the one above the faucet
scrape the whisker from my face
take a magic marker blacken a spot on the map of a county on the coast
where I was born out of
underneath the ceiling fan
contemplate a master plan
breathe a sigh of recognition for a childhood
suicide
push a thumbtack in the wall
pierce the picture I did draw
it's a graphic portrait from my youth
it hurts