

## These Hands

WHY?

i wear the customary clothes of my time,  
like jesus did, with no reason not to die  
facing history, with little to no irony  
like i'm some forgotten southern city Sherman razed  
still hid under thick smoke after all these years

these hands, are my father's hands but smaller  
soaked in paint thinner,  
until they're so dry coming together,  
they make the sound of resisting each other  
a shrill squeal like two moving rubber, tires touching  
hide nothing, hide nothing