

## Push

## Say Anything

My God's in hell and all is well  
Stitched up eyes and sickle cell  
I cannot thaw the lack in me  
Submerged in demonology but I hope beyond hope  
I will not inflict  
The wound that they left when they subtracted six million

So why am I repulsed by change?  
A holy book has been deranged  
And once a thing of beauty  
Has been raped and cut to swaths by me  
We breed to bloat and come and hate  
Have I earned the want to procreate?  
If you're in there, so hear me sing:  
"I would choke for you, you're everything."

Burned at the stake (push it out)  
A gene just a weight (push it out)  
When the trauma leaks down (push it out)  
And the bombs pepper melon sky  
Hand on her skin (push it out)  
The heaving begins (push it out)  
The pain to which I cling (push it out)  
Subsides as a cell divides

Awaken to her moans and pleas  
Say, "Absent Lord, put strength in me."  
I bend and break the metal bars  
I would bleed to know just who you are

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There's a cupboard in the parlor with a figure of a man  
By the carvings of the tulips and the silhouetted shell  
Who sailed a steady harbor with a not-so-steady hand  
Naked but his Father's former belt he wears so well  
There was a swelling in the threshold and a creaking in the floor  
As a thousand thoughtless rhymes assembled on the shelf  
While the Son and Heir of Black Holes, locked inside the drawer  
With eleven Pilgrim Wives, sang "I refuse to be the twelfth!"  
So he started on a plan the moment we first touched  
(In the sorrow-ridden kiss of our parlor-ridden lives)  
To be the tangle-coated lamb beneath the crooked brush  
Of the Pilgrim's wooden fist until the Chimney-Sweep arrived  
While attempting an escape through the broken metal bars  
He hid behind the tulips, and when the Lord came near  
I pressed against the face of the apothecary jars  
And dreamt up a proper ending that I don't assume you'd care to hear