## Gloves

## **The Horrors**

Today I found a baby's glove Lying on the drainage board, so still Yesterday a leather glove From the slim fingered hand of a woman

The next time I saw one It was lying half frozen And twisted on the kerb And I couldn't take it

Now I have my own private collection All lined in rows when you open up the wardrobe doors Now I have no room for my obsession Lined up and labelled in neat little packets

The next time I saw one It stuck inside my head And became all that I could think about

And through wax seals and padlocks A hand through my ribcage Past the choking I saw palms and fingers grasping Shoulders...collarbone...crushing I imagined myself Hacking desperately at a sea of appendages, Forward and right, Freeing myself like a butcher, Feeling the mash of bone and sinew Running slowly down the front of my body And I couldn't take it any more

I said, I've got to go, I've got to get out of here, I've got to go, And I ran down the street, I've got to go, I've got to get out of here, I've got to go..