

## Little Victories

### The Horrors

I press your hand in mine however cautiously,  
I keep a smile right to myself  
And I lapse into the grasp of an overriding obsession  
And I get sick as I watch my interests fall into suspension

This winter  
So cold, Creeping down your arm  
Stealth soldiers, Creeping around your palm  
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Little victories won creeping around your hand

The sickness has taken hold through violent, blurted syllables  
Escape my mouth under my breath  
The voice of pricking dread is whispering insistent in my ear  
My paranoia galvanised by your gaze, so austere

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I pinned your crest to my chest, hoping it might start to look  
right  
There was hushed talk of young boy's corpse lying face down in  
some river  
His hands used to move like mine  
I can't stand myself this morning, I am practically that boy  
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choice

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