

Two poems

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THE HEART,

the real

heart,

is ugly

Nothing here

can break

or be broken;

and nothing,

nothing

can come from it

but blood

THERMOMETER, A DIAGRAM OF

The human body
is marked

between
two points

The point
water boils

The point
water freezes

This
is where

it lives
and how

Somewhere
between two points

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