

INTERVENTION

Whose words rape me with your voice?
Blood pools on the floor. Sudden shame.

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

CAN A MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE BLOOD
REVEAL IF IT COMES FROM

- a. the head?
- b. the lips?
- c. the vagina?
- d. the heart?
- (e. all of the above?)

Where is the wound?

Here?

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THE BRIGHT RED BANDAGE IS THE MARK OF DEATH

- a. in the street
- b. in the stretcher
- c. in the hospital
- d. on the subway tracks

You'll be all right, they say, holding my hand; but
the blood has crazy-glued my eyelids sticky shut.
You'll be all right, they say, holding my hand; but
the drumming in my ears has drowned them out.