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The staves of a dog's ribs are rounded, surrounding  
breath and the essence of breath

*is indifference—*

*The dog has the face of a doe  
mouthing ascendancy, pricking knuckles with the crushed glass  
of its milk teeth.*

Disturbance runs along the curve of the shoulder,  
shining, black hindquarters.

*Anguish is the rope tied to the throat.*

Star is strapped to the forechest.