

# PERMISSION

TONI SCORSESE

in pattern of swine  
I burrowed my toes in sand on fire  
and swaddled hot coal in my palms

I martyred my spine  
back flayed to rind and pulp  
addicted to the switch

habit makes it hard to be happy

instead of patching the holes in my soul  
with scabs of perseveration  
I change my suit of atonement  
to one of absolution

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