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**HUMAN BEINGS**

                look at your hands  
    your beautiful useful hands  
                you’re not an ape  
            you’re not a parrot  
    you’re not a slow loris  
        or a smart missile  
            you’re human  
  
            not british  
        not american  
            not israeli  
    not palestinian  
        you’re human  
  
            not catholic  
    not protestant  
        not muslim  
            not hindu  
    you’re human  
  
    we all start human  
        we end up human  
            human first  
                human last  
            we’re human  
        or we’re nothing  
  
    nothing but bombs  
        and poison gas  
    nothing but guns  
        and torturers  
    nothing but slaves  
    of Greed and War  
    if we’re not human  
  
                    look at your body  
    with its amazing systems  
    of nerve-wires and blood canals  
        think about your mind  
    which can think about itself   
        and the whole universe  
            look at your face  
    which can freeze into horror  
            or melt into love  
        look at all that life  
            all that beauty  
            you’re human  
        they are human  
        we are human  
    let’s try to be human  
  
            dance!

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