

## x-ray barbeque

I rip my chest open I find  
blood maggots bricks dirt  
manure garbage two-by-four's  
nails rusty nails a claw hammer  
a bombed-out city a backed-up toilet  
a keg of fishhooks.

I rip my chest open I find  
snakes frogs lizards a black swamp  
nervous wolves flames heat prisoners  
a rack a wheel a dungeon  
rats ants cinder blocks fish heads.

I rip my chest open I find  
an animal on the highway  
flies swarming around restless corpses  
a bloated steaming raccoon carcass  
rotting raw meat broken bones torn flesh  
a hunting license a gun rack  
deer intestines in the snow  
severed pheasant heads + feet on newspaper  
empty shotgun shells.

I rip my chest open I find  
a slaughterhouse a press a torture chamber  
winged demons on ice  
evil farm animals up to no good  
an earthworm spilling its guts on a hook  
a neglected graveyard stones kicked over.

I rip my chest open I find  
shattered glass baseball bats a blacksmith anvil  
angry horses a rabid goat  
a frightened monkey in a space capsule  
a pressure cooker an incubator  
a shovel a knife a deep dark hole  
and daylight.