Finish Line

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Wind blows snow outside my windows Crowd below runs wild in the streets Two rented brothers race down two separate alleys Heading for the finish lineDown in the train yard out by the stockyard Butchers with aprons, hack meat in the snow Blood has the brothers pulsing with envy Heading for the finish lineTwo rented brothers, their faces keep changing Like these feelings that I have for you Nothing's forever, not even five minutes When you're headed for the finish lineDown in the depot, out by the meat rack Down by the tunnels surrounding the jail Prisoners are marching in squares and in circles They're heading for the finish lineThey're lining up for Noah's Ark They're stabbing each other in the dark Saluting a flag made of some rich guy's socks Heading for the finish lineClose to the line, the ice is cracking Two rented feelings sitting in the stands Two mothers, two fathers and both of them are paid for All of a sudden it comes back to meJust up ahead is the finish line Two rented referees and two checkered rags Out of the corner of my eye Comes a dark horse with black wings Headed for the finish lineI'm five years old, the room is fuzzy I think there's also a very young girl It's hard to remember what happened exactly As I'm staring at the finish lineFirst came fire then came light Then came feeling then cane sight

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