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hearing only tears
dropping like bath water
cleansing only that which
no other can cleanse

and tho i am sterile

i can still run my fingers

over the dirty parts of me

i re-create the images
causing as much pain as he

and after scrubbing myself
more raw than the last time

i let the dirty water out
and start again...

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