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I.

so this morning i
woke up thinking:
what if suddenly i
lived in a state where
i thought about the abortion was illegal. borders of this state vs the
borders of my body. it's a far walk to any edge. &
there might not be something like respite when i get there. if you
live in a state where abortion is illegal or a state where abortion has newly been
banned does this make you stop & think: it's so goddamn far to the border.
maybe i should keep this baby.

II.

& so then i started thinking: what if every state made abortion illegal because well you know. then when i got pregnant i wouldn't think twice about keeping it or not keeping it. i'd just think about hobbling across the vast land of my state & the vast land of other states & how there'd never be a terminating border & how even if there were there'd be people & animals & plants along the way. trying to convince me of my murder.

maybe if i lived in a state illegal i'd make better about life & my body & wouldn't have had sex in least i would have consequences of the that hot or consensual or vanilla or facedown or
maybe i would
may not have been
not have laughed about
maybe i would
ice cream. wiped the
relief.

where abortion was
more sound decisions
my borders. maybe i
the first place. or at
considered the
borders when i was in
loving or kinky or
coerced moment.
have said no. & it may or
heeded. & i may or may
the whole thing.
have shook hands. had
sweat from my brow in

III.

whew.

caught that by
the balls.

IV.

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if all the states & if no borders
expanding & if the state of my
a safe border before my belly
my body had no borders which
clearly. i'd make more sound
thing.

to reach & if my belly
soul & if. i'd never find
burst. if only the state of
were safe. i'd think more
decisions. i'd do the right

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