

## After the Fall: A "Don Juan Fracture"

### Foot

Like glass,

calcaneus collides with cold concrete, catastrophically.  
metatarsal ligaments tear and the tarsal tendons *snap* in the antistrophe:

each metatarsus splits into tiny bits sticking through flesh -- this compounds pressure on neighbours:  
fine phalangeal fractures complement the exquisitely delectable pain of Juan's crushed calcaneus.

Burrowed between these shattered bones, the cuboid sustains  
impossible pressures as striking splinters skewer from all sides:  
trapped in Tartarus, imprisoned in an iron maiden of marrow soaked spikes  
lancing out of the exploded talus and surrounding metatarsal bones  
framed like a stained glass window...

Crumbling chunks of human arches reach earth, forming a vanguard  
for the whole flattening foot, following fleetly -- a collapsed basilica  
of imploding architecture

In the distant corner,  
a stubbed toe thrusting at the sun,  
ignominious, but merely irritating,  
and largely ignored.

### Ankle

Rotating on the wrong axis,  
ankle bone bells toll this terrible  
Achillean agony: great gears  
skip out of clocktower's tracks,  
scratching tibia and grating against  
walls towering towards the knees.

## Knee

Overflowing force exceeds possible flexion,  
 medial and lateral revolution mediates,  
 popping the patella unnaturally forward --

but between tibia, fibula and femur  
 meniscus is mashed by the mastication,  
 both posterior and anterior cruciates  
 scream their excruciating existence.

Nothing here breaks, but blunt billyclub bones  
 bludgeon and bully flesh frighteningly...

...out of place.

## Hips

The hard shock surges higher still,  
 rammed into hips by the fisting femur.

Quaking from atmospheric impact with Earth,  
 the pelvic girdle bucks like a bull,  
 desperate to lose its rider.

## Spine

From its	
Foundation	} a teetering tower of vertebrae vaults heavenward
Anchored in	} supporting a rickety skeletal scaffolding of stairs
Hip-bones	

the spinal staircase spirals upwards,  
 inexorably screwing itself towards

Skull.

exploding sidewise == the spine sprouts ribbed bridges  
 caging the cascading steps, creatively containing chaos

## Neck

Big, thick, barrelled neck of creakkkking floorboards,  
lashed ligaments knotted into twisted, coiled ropes  
constricting 'round the crunchy shipmast spine,  
connecting ribs and shoulders to occipitalis,  
sternothyroid and trapezius tying scalenes together  
collecting and phallicly funnelling into tight volcanic flesh,  
finally erupting into the base Don Juan's head...

## Skull

Jaws dislodge to get out his whole howl,  
geysers of steam hissing past the unhinged mandible  
horrifically,

a sick parody of the preceding acts.