

Down to This

Soul Coughing

You get the ankles and I'll get the wrists.
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You come down to this. Nerves are up and the eyes all screwy,
Blood like a panful of boiling ratatouille.
My muscles in a mess like a mess of spaghetti,
Hack through the mess with a greased-up machete. Hang from the axles of a boxcar,
Follow the dotted line like a steer to Chicago,
But to the hooks of the Chicago man.
And I said, well,
You get the ankles and I'll get the wrists.
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You come down to this. I get all tripped up -- my eyes turn to water.
Rug burns from a shag rug, struck dumb in the presence.
Polyester burns from a jacket rub the skin thin,
Break down in a diner then I paid the bill. You get the ankles and I'll get the wrists.
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You come down to this. Cashier toothpick stuck in the ground,
Tiny lawnmower to mow me down.
I could get lost in a lunchbox,
Lie low in the mittens in the lost and found.
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You come down to this.

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