

Pakistan, they said to her

But what was Pakistan?

A ~~country~~^{messy}, a bolt-hole, a road of bone,
gutter

In the ~~reign~~^{reign} of scabs
and the salinity of lassi -

Pakistan

Along the length of a plant,
in the journey of an ant -

Pakistan

It held out its defeat sets of arms,
offered its hard or soft embrace

The innumerable Pakistans.

To the East and West
the promised land persisted
Pakistan

but it wasn't half empty,
and ~~and~~^{at} there was certainly past aid

Pakistan rising or subdued
a rotted tiger, Pakistan lay wait
would there really be maces
the other way

Pakistan up, where would ~~they~~^{they} live?
How would they ~~and~~^{and} wait

A rotten tiger, Pakistan lay in wait

At what would they wait?