

## HARK HERALD

## praise God from whom all curbstomps flow

- the bus is so crowded that no one can move, so the tall man standing over my shoulder can only turn his neck awkwardly & stare at the ceiling to avoid watching me write "I AM BABYLON'S FAVORITE WHORE" in my notebook
- 2. she is a noisenik, but only on friday and saturday nights. and bladee retweeted her cover so she's practically made it already. the feeling of being in a Scene, and holding up a Scene, and being held up by the Scene, is exquisite and almost painless
- 3. 8 years out of 20 surrounded by rich boys with cocaine problems & grabby hands. i am so young, and so stolen from.
- 4. face without mouth emoji. feigning speechlessness, as if u were lost for words. face with steam from nose emoji. indignance only gets u so far. upside down smiley face emoji. bemused resignation (ur actually fucking raging).
- 5. being way too aggro at a party friends giving her urgent hand squeezes and nervous half-smiles and calling her name quietly but insistently just let me loose, just let me drink the oxygen from this room until they all choke
- 6. silence = violence but screaming doesn't feel like peace either. why is this so difficult
- 7. good deeds should be done quickly let's set a world record
- 8. lighter fell out of pocket but didn't notice. stood up without looking, crushed beneath left boot. picked up. butane weeping from crack in plastic casing, weeping onto fingers of left hand, dripping across wrist.
- 9. never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.
- 10. my hair in sodden clumps strewn through the riverbanks the village kids dredge it out to braid their crowns, braid their crowns