

# In Knucklebones, This Is What We Keep

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Outreach the ostrich

in the realm of excuse my long arm

scotch bonnets  
that hiss in tear ducts

on a boat being towed

with a jimmy-rigged  
bungee cord

it holds you in the cross-hairs  
you with fingers-crossed

this is the season  
for moleskins in your  
backpacks back pocket

to write words on spools.  
Thread  
to close wounds when  
seams splinter.  
You need stitching.

