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Leave it there  
paused  
    (torment - confusion  
    boy - girl)  
press PLAY  
in time with droplets.  
Smashed reds  
pulsing, pushed  
“I love these”  
    digits finger lips.  
Slowed motion  
leaves ole Mick  
stirred sans  
‘sa  
    tis  
    fac  
    tion.’  
Boy nods in breaths.  
    PLAY  
    “We can do this together!”  
    FAST FORWARD  
(move along,  
    nothing to see here)

pleas  
opened doors  
    slammed ones  
        stsfctn (-less)  
            buried faces  
                wet sleeves  
                    Munch's 'The Scream'

Broken record-er  
broken futures  
broke...blood pumper(s).  
Sizzled player  
seared frames  
blame someone.



*Alone, Lindsay Black*