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## disregarding the pain of others

try your hand at slinging. sling yourself from coast to coast. sling yourself to big cities, small towns, and into loving arms. sling your truth. sling your glory. sling like you mean it. sling underdogs. sling the underdogs up, up, and closer to you level. sling, sling. almost to eye level. sling them close but not too close. still a little worse off. sling words like good and bad as though they exist. sling them as though god himself swept down and endowed you with an extra sharp moral compass. sling your moral compass. sling it at parties. sling it far. sling it wide. sling a downward glance at others. sling, sling. sling you love at the lonely, the lowly, and the mangled. sling the lowest of low. sling your body, your mind, your expertise. sling your services, your compliments, your sympathy. sling your way on up, on up to heaven, where good and bad exist. where the slingers of the lowly dwelleth.

then, slung out, consider that encountering the other is about encountering the self.

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