

Incantation for the end of pain

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Better a lobotomy
than one more minute
of this migraine.
Take an ice pick to my skull,
hit every pressure point.

Better yet, twist off my head
like a lightbulb, grind the socket
of my spine to ash.

Pop my Barbie doll joints apart
pop them like fireworks
and shove them back into place.

Suck this ache from my marrow,
take it into your bones.
and know what I feel.

Take this, all sinew and stretch;
tie the strands of my muscles
to wicked steeds.
Tear me limb from limb.

Please.

The ice pick
didn't work last time.