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for every needle prick
every paper cut
every knee scraped
every tongue bit
every finger jammed
every elbow banged
every eye poked
every toe stubbed

every hope flown
every dream sunk
every adoration unreturned

a word were whispered
in my ear
i would have either written
one million poems
or one
crushingly human.

By Cheyenne Varner