

Wisdom Teeth (In Memoriam)

John Shaw ('13)

I

Don't worry,
They said:
Most people suffer
Only a little

II

Afterwards
I asked for my teeth back
Groggy
Chewing cotton
Spitting blood
Not understanding
The breaking that had been done

III

I convinced myself that
one bite can't hurt.

IIII

We were all sad to see you go
But honestly
I need the space
And it's not like you paid rent
Or did the dishes