

## Disability

...and how I only just realized I'm missing a hand  
And have been all my life. Everyone else has one  
More than I, and all these years I kept on keeping  
On. I rowed in circles, took for-*ever* to tie my shoes.

When you finally see yourself in a picture  
That shows you exactly as you are, and you really  
Get it—it's hard not to be sad for yourself—Hurstons'  
Janie Mae saying "Aww, I'm colored..." or Herzog  
Watching the surgeon snip off frostbitten toes. It's hard,  
Too, not to be absorbed in fortune, in having a glassy catalog  
Of all those shoes I've tied, all those circles rowed.