

link between
tribal + Irish

- ★ half rhyme
- ★ heightened use of enjambment

Punishment 1975 ★ regularity in structure

★ sensory
I can feel the tug of the halter at the nape of her neck, the wind on her naked front.

- shorter lines

→ first person: clear persona

★ Personalised

Kenning:

compression of two ideas of a simile to make a single image, a compound expression
→ used in place of a name or noun

It blows her nipples vulnerability, exposed
to amber beads, → degradation

★ it shakes the frail rigging ship metaphor of her ribs. voyeuristic

I can see her drowned body in the bog, nature, the weighing stone, motif the floating rods and boughs.

Under which at first she was a barked sapling that is dug up

oak-bone, brain-firkin: wooden barrel/tub

★ Tribal +

→ parallels between this localised tribe + the tribal nature of the Irish Troubles
Local - Global

Idea was prompted by Global - but he still relates to His local

wedding ring?

her shaved head

★ like a stubble of black corn, SIMILE

her blindfold a soiled bandage,

★ her noose a ring metaphorical language

"the convergence of the contemporary + archaeological"

to store

the memories of love. → betrayal

Little adulteress, → Heaney's guesses before they punished you

★ softer tone → trawl through time to find answers - navigation

DIRECT ADDRESS

you were flaxen-haired,

undernourished, and your

tar-black face was beautiful.

My poor scapegoat, → it's about HUMILIATION

I almost love you → sexual discrimination

but would have cast, I know,

★ the stones of silence.

silence = complicit → symbolic representation of stoning

I am the artful voyeur

sly + crafty

of your brain's exposed

and darkened combs. → rooster ridge

your muscles' webbing

and all your numbered bones:

I who have stood dumb when your betraying sisters, cauled in tar,

→ Irish

you couldn't defend them against IRA → fear

wept by the railings,

→ HIM

who would connive

in civilized outrage → oxymoronic

yet understand the exact

and tribal, intimate revenge.

→ is Heaney punishing himself for standing by?

Is she a symbol of Ireland?

direct link to tar + feathered women in Ireland

Who is weak? - women?

- poet? - us?

★ Does the Punishment fit the crime?

GUILT

believes in both sides → a conundrum

do we understand why this happens?

who is right?