



This Is a Fucking Poem

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don't expect too much.

Well I expect you to go into the
fucking human tunnel
I'm going.

pink grimy glossed
entablature, welted
and tattooed. Enfolded in
ropy ceiling-hangings
but it isn't a room,

and bumblingly sliding
out, little legs of

a little girl, bum on the wall/opening

pink legs sticking out like a
hermit crab's, she's coming!

shudder out the little-girl
legs with a little
girl head mostly eyes, no ears,
bug brain, aimless

Send her to school

It's cold, and where should she
go, she will eat her
legs with her mandibles

her eyes will retract inside.

Stroke her riding hood
Settle down, little

nobody will hurtcha

by breaking off your little legs,
six little legs,
if you come.

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