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# Jewell: Cora May Hears of the Slaughter

## CORA MAY HEARS OF THE SLAUGHTER

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Abigail said millions of pigs  
were slaughtered in late September.  
Something about keeping prices  
low, but I think the government

men have lost their goddamn minds,  
because there's madness in spilling

those fat, pink bodies to the mud.  
Young pigs too, and not yet finished

suckling, Abigail said. My soul,  
what are they going to think of next?

Burning pits for ripened apples?  
Flour barrels set out in the wind?