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Untitled, 2003
Plastine clay
7 x 18 inches

I feel stress in everyday life.
Nothing is fun. I hate to talk.
I feel a constant threat of abandonment.
I'm bound here, a fixture on the wall.
I wish God would reach down to me.
I'm such a fool, with very little guidance.
Maybe everyone understands I just can't
realize it.
Nothing brings me peace to my heart.
There is pulling of my skin.
Forcing me to take an alternate shape.
I just don't get it.
How can I hate and love this place.
Maybe it's all just a test for me.
And maybe it's just time I let go.