

let's compare scars under the heat of the sun

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remember that scene in jaws?
the one where they compared scars?
let's do that:

this one i got when i ran into barbed wire.
i was being chased by a bull
in a dried out pasture.

this one is from when i got into a fight
with billy muloney over sara verne.
i punched him in the nose and he sliced
me open with a mechanical pencil.

and this one i got when i mowed the lawn in shorts.
i ran over a rock and it kicked back at my shin
at about a thousand miles per hour.

all these things,
they just bled and bled
all over my hands and through paper towels.

one time i could see one of my bones.
it was as white as you'd think it'd be.
but eventually the skin grew back together
and hid it again.

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