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## Other Voices

*Constance Vogel*

I wait for my daughter long after  
night has entered its REM stage.  
My eyes are dry from staring  
at the same page of my book.

Every creak and groan of furnace pipes  
reminds me of the strains on our relationship.  
I tell myself I was not meant  
to be a mother.  
Angry words we volley back and forth  
cost me too much.

Fears of an accident or that she's run away  
nibble like mice in walls.  
At dawn a wailing siren  
sends me racing to the window.

The phone rings.  
I pick up the receiver as if  
it were a loaded gun.  
She says, "I'm on my way."  
Her words warm me like a morning cup of tea.