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LETTER FOR MY MOTHER

VALERIE PERCZEK

I slept in your curves for nine months
And have decided that the cord
Connecting me to you
Shall never stretch too far.

Your skin is softer than any
Mountain grass or
Bunny head
I have ever stroked.

I wish you laughed more often.
Tears filled your eyes
And watered your cheeks
You laughed so hard.

You are a treasure box of choices
And lovers
And places
That I will always wonder about.
I often aspire to be exactly like you.

Short hair, black and white,
A grin floating on the surface.
A Mediterranean doll face.
I am the girl in your 1976 passport picture.

MY MOTHER
MY ONLY

RACHEL KLING

She is the lifeguard waiting
The one that swims