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*Noah . . . What are you doing?*  
one of the two-year-old twins crackles  
over the baby monitor. A few beats later,  
her brother: *Talia . . . What happened?*

They lie five feet apart  
in identical cribs. After months  
of bobbing head to toe,  
five feet apart must feel vast.

*What are you doing, Talia?*  
Every so often, a yawn, yet  
they push away sleep as if  
it were a washcloth. *Noah?* Talia says.

Then, stillness rich as snow.  
Noah flies over the white-sloped hill  
into the bottom of sleep, always first  
to squeeze into a corner.

Talia starts to sing rhymes  
in sounds instead of words.  
Like a magician, she knows  
how to make herself disappear.