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## MOTHER--FIRST ROOM

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It was removed when—  
it was falling from her,  
forcing fallopian tubes  
and bladder, like I  
pulled placenta,  
into air, into light.

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I was the insect  
in the amber, I  
was the work—  
the eyelids and kidneys  
ankle bones and vulva.

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I was not the sticky heat  
not the blood warm seep  
on her thighs. I was not  
the empty. I was the result—  
what was left what was left.

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