

No Room to Grow Anymore *Here*

Mother stitches her cervix shut : the uterus gargles Baby :
green thread and a curved upholstery needle : an amniotic leak :
Mother fumbling in the bathroom cabinet : a song plays *there was blood* :
no napkins / no cotton : *there was blood on the saddle* :
nothing to use for a plug : Baby thrown as oceans drown swimmers :
the uterus a clinging sweater : Mother pokes each leg :
through her shower cap : Baby lifts the uterus from her face :
as a woman might draw up her skirt : *on the saddle and blood all around* :
the cap like a toddler's swimsuit : Mother wears it to the supermarket :
Baby pushes the walls : as a caught snake would push its bag :
cheese and lunchmeat spill across the tile floor :
as Mother stumbles into the cold-case : *and blood all around* :
Mother finds Kotex : extra long : for your heaviest flow days :
scented (baby powder) : Baby wears the uterus as a wetsuit :
prefers scented (morning rain) : wears the womb as a pantyhose mask :
as a body bag zipped closed : the shower cap overfills :
Mother's skirt dripping : the aisle awash : *and a great big puddle* :
Mother runs to find a bucket and mop : *of blood on the ground* :
then a plywood stretcher : a crowd gawking :
hoisting Mother into an ambulance : the doors close :
through the back windows she can be seen : as horizon :
her shoes as foothills : low : beneath her throbbing Appalachian belly :

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