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## **Miscarriage**

**1**

Blood seeps from a womb  
yesterday. Today  
that sickly stream  
carries away  
the knot of tissue and nerve,  
structurally  
a sentient person, personality  
who will not now be.

**2**

‘Not to be born is best’.  
No, I can’t agree.  
In spite of the misery  
even the happiest  
life must settle for  
sometimes, it’s good to be born.

All the same, unborn  
is untroubled, at peace.  
Primal innocence  
is something to settle for.  
Nothingness is at least  
good, though not the best.