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Giving Birth

beginning the end of myself
once known
the end of the beginning
of myself
I have come to be
forever changed
forever forever
blood
frightens me
my body blood
blood leaked and mixed
with the blood
of my memories
underground waves of pain
course down me
longer waves
wilder, pounding, pummelling
coursing
cruising
carrying
me on top of pain
mind above my body
cheering me on
watching me keel over
voices calling me
forever forever