Passage at Nineteen

Newborn, firstborn,

I hold you to my breast

for the slow ride home

through falling snow.

Flesh of my flesh,

I am reborn, dancing

in terror and joy

balanced on the eyelash

of a blinking god.

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