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## Properties of Conception

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*Rose Postma*

I wish I could be sure of the moment you started  
existing deep inside the hollow of my body,  
  
the moment you were fused and split and split again.  
But your arrival was silent like ice spreading across puddles  
  
in a drained-for-winter canal. We played in those muck bottoms  
for hours, continually checking the progress of solidity, waiting  
  
for a sheet hard enough to slide across in tennis shoes.  
In one instant the hand is plunged into cold water and in the next  
  
meets the beginning shards of resistance. Oh to be able  
to witness the moment liquid turns to solid, when I become you.