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SWIMMING

Splash,
And I'm suspended
Like a helpless fetus
While clusters of air filled spheroids
Swarm all around.
I defy gravity
Though it's no fault of mine.

And now there is no sound
But the subdued thud of my own heart
Permeates the liquid atmosphere.
Exhilaration washes over me
And laps playfully against my sides.

Then. . .

I leave my wide, gaping placenta
Of my own volition
And am reborn
Once more
To the earth.