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it is, after all, only a thing
a few yards of cotton muslin and lace
lovingly fashioned into a garment
to wrap a generation in
to bear them into the faith

each seed pearl is embedded in
one of several hundred white daisies
strewn across a field of snow
a reflection of a soul newly born

it makes my swollen feet and belly
and the hot molten lead air
around me almost bearable;
it is an instrument of sanity

each stitch holds possibility;
you, my love, are the first.
perhaps I will not see all of their faces,
or know all of their names,
but they will feel my love
flowing through my finger-tips
and into my needle

this is my meager gift to the future;
my fingers touch 2086,
through a woven bridge to posterity.

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