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Jeffrey's babies
asleep
somewhere in that feathered
void, tethered
to rock and cradle

are lulled lulled lulled. . .

But all lullabies are not sweet.
Some sting or singe,
numb
a dulled motion.

Light blue seas
against the interior
are all motherless,
directionless in their trails and origins
without resting place.

And what I dream of
is the forgetting.
Tongue thickening
like the mouth of God
absent in a womb
of stars.

Jeffrey's babies
crawling in and out
of soft thought.

In his sleep
he is afraid
of a child
I have not yet conceived.

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