

Universe becomes

Given body, body born
squatting over a black hole, primordial gesture
Taking a shit or giving birth to stars
Aching for something to keep it full

Universe becomes

An echo, ear ache: Are we created or just named?
I'm named after the brother my mom didn't like
the woman she loved and the woman my
father kissed before deadbolting the door
saying "Go back to bed."

Universe becomes

Unexpected like my first bleed
Sudden and sore like my first tit
Can I call God Dad?
Sister Mary Catherine says
I can marry God but I can't kill my dead dad.

Universe becomes like "Fuck"

all slick darkness, pregnant pause
before there's manners, before text msg breakups
My dad told me to have a handshake like a right hook
then kissed me on the mouth in the house I grew up

There is no consent in the big bang theory
Universe becomes all hot mess and stardust
Expanding from nothing came a will to exist
A desire to regret and transform
Whitman urged everyone to go forth
Then licked salt from the mouths of colts

Universe becomes

A sakura tree grows in Washington, D.C.
There is a time where we used to give gifts
in the form of people, metal, and trees asking them
To grow where they did not belong

My creator is blushing coral petals
On the Metro I shout at tourists at L'Enfant
Stand on the right, walk on the left
The blossoms are beautiful

Universe becomes
long before there was
a male or female stall
there was a cry for help in the dark
Long before i before e
Light came before sound
In two minute contractions
The universe is born in the
middle of childbirth
giving life to its siblings
My hand breaks on
my father's nose
It hurts 2b born

Creator in the shape of a flower but never a rose
When I die I will never become tulips
Just acid rain
Flowers prove we're best right before death
There's something to aspire to and with good weather
we'll be reincarnated next year

Universe becomes
deaf, wet, screaming bearing down
learning its name in the middle of Cesarean
My doctor told me when I was 8 I didn't have a hymen
Universe becomes
Our lady of everlasting darkness,
Dolores; a vision in void.

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