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## A Girl's Body

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**A GIRL'S BODY**

i am seven years old  
and i have not yet realized  
i will one day be a saint

one night my father  
lies beside me  
smelling adult and of beer

the next day  
the walls of the house  
break open  
and empty

the sun is a block  
on the carpet

the cupboards  
all dust and shadows

suitcases wait  
like good babies  
in the front yard

i decide it  
is time that i serve  
communion

come children no one  
is too young to receive  
the body  
in my church