

Born Again

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As you enter the water unsinning,
I shall repent eight years
Of watching in the dark and loving
Without turning on the light.
I shall shed my old skin,
Remembering you, pink and new,
Unmarked and gifted, my gift
Undeserved.

I have served
My own unmatched desires, a rift
In God's sequence, my blue
Mondays, my bleak Sundays, all kin
To my unshriven blight.
I have loved and been unloving.
To the font I add my tears
And my own beginning.

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