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## *Miscarriage*

"You've lost it," the doctor said

and as I folded  
the maternity clothes  
into the cedar chest  
I watched my stomach recede  
felt the baby let go and fall  
down my vagina to the floor  
limbs and torso and head  
detaching in all directions  
floating out to the street,  
slithering down a drainhole,  
being sucked through the plumbing  
into the sewer  
and vanishing  
into space as empty  
as my womb.