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## THE EMBOLUS

Time's ear  
is infected. It itches  
and hatches  
a pocket.  
She turned herself out.

I was sixteen  
when she miscarried.  
I met her

four doctors. She harrowed herself  
a hole from a scratch. They scraped and they sucked  
and I coughed it all up. My mouth  
is a basket of examples.

Time's ear  
is inflected. It pitches  
and catches  
a ladder.  
She pulled herself out.

She looks like I look—  
but I'm getting older. She harrowed herself  
whole from a patch. God Himself  
must have glanced away

when she was digging around in her purse for a match.