

## Father

*Please, Father, please*  
*Please, Father, please*  
*Please, Father, please, Father, please, please, please*

*Don't, Daddy, don't*  
*Please, Daddy, don't*  
*Don't, Daddy, please, Daddy, don't, don't, don't*

*Pain, Daddy, pain*  
*Hurt, Daddy, pain*  
*Pain, Daddy, hurt, Daddy, hurt, hurt, pain*

*How, Daddy, how?*  
*Why, Daddy, how?*  
*How, Daddy, how, Daddy, why, why, why?*

*Can't, Daddy, can't*  
*Can't, Daddy, can't*  
*Can't, Daddy, can't, Daddy, can't not cry*

*Won't, Daddy, won't*  
*Please, Daddy, don't*  
*Won't, Daddy, please, Daddy, won't, won't, won't*

Doorway opens  
Thumps in the hall  
Dark lonely torment  
pierced by sound, presence and light

*Am I saved?*

Infant on belly  
face to wall  
neck cramped  
Hunger gnaws  
Solitude, worse  
But rough, tight swaddling  
burns hypersensitive skin  
with countless, red-hot claws

*Please, Mommy, please*

Hall light  
casts huge shadow

on blank wall  
Coitus Interruptus  
made volcano of passion  
a tornado of rage  
Blind fury  
smites baby body  
like a hammer of hate  
Great arms  
lunge down  
grabbing, raising, shouting, shaking  
“Shut up, shut up, shut the fuck up!”  
Acute receptors  
read visceral torrent  
loud and clear  
Overwhelming desire  
to bash soft baby body  
against hard, blank wall  
This all-impressing death threat  
casts this tender life  
its great defining moment

*Why do you hate me?  
God, you would kill me!  
Now I am fear!*

*Don't, Daddy, don't  
Please, Daddy, won't  
Won't, Daddy, won't, Daddy, won't, won't, crra...*