

## Newborn

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Beloved, you're here  
Through the bloody gate and  
Clear.  
Eyes, navy as the sea  
Surfacing.  
Your painsound hits the waiting air  
You are  
One teardrop from love's water  
You are  
One drop that holds  
The whole ocean. You're here.  
Slippery, beautiful, beautiful.  
  
You are loved more than salt.