

THE SHORT -LIVED DEATH

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Born she was
cocooned in pink flesh
soft as gossamer
seraphic soul
under the predefined mould
birth festooned with voiceless songs
groping in the paraphernalia of gender throngs
breathing spaces
reduced to traces
traipsing the "omen"
"frailty thy name is woman"
thought of being consumed
dissolve her like a plume
cormorant gaze
set her ablaze
tears lining the fringes
she retreats and then cringes
resisting, revolting
the cannibalism
of her body
her rights volatile
in her fingers fragile
dregs of pink flesh
turn blue then red
innocence adulterated
vanity mutilated
wordless scream
reduced to requiem
she recoils with fear
to live forever
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