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I spawned words  
like I spawned my boy baby  
that I made such a fool  
of myself over;

Beautiful he, arching his neck—  
trying to hold up his head  
to see if the world  
knew him.

He crawled away  
from me, from my knowing,  
scattering Borax  
across the room,  
rearranging the closet,  
helping himself to whatever  
crumbs and the cat food  
on the floor.

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