Deletion

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At the microcosm that is the cell
where strands split and unsplit
recombining in unknown ways,
a strand transplanted,
copied and copied and,
stacked, half hers and half his,
protein upon protein,
until the amnio ascertained
this jumbled blend of cells
wouldn't beat breathe bite bend
but she is three and she is
back in the unit again

this time she is unswallowing
salty stale saliva dripping from
her mouth, down
her pink shirt already
soaked with spitty strings, down
into her bronchi settling there
to breed disease
in transplanted strands her life
alone defying truth
I misunderstand; and if not this
what else do I not-know
of macroscopic misinformation?
Her mother dabbles in the
spittle on her shirt and
the oceanic Internet, barraging me
with waves of articles with every
"anything else?" I utter.

I am exhaustive. Encyclopedic. Evidence
based; I know I need to solve her

because the mother is pushy
provoking me with pages
the nurse sends to appease her
but also
because she is not mislabeled, she is
a miracle with bright eyes
that ache to be three

the dissection of her genome
knows the errors of pieces
that make non-sense and
this visit will leave her
unchanged I imagine
the electric stream of pages as unrelenting
love notes
her mother writes for her.

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