

ments. It remains to be seen what the impact of this will be on availability of sperm and egg donations, and on surrogacy arrangements.

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submission

sifting through my
completed poems,
dreaming all night long
of things I should
change about them before mailing.
it's like that smear of jam
on my daughters round cheek
that I notice
just as we rush out to catch the quarter hour
bus.

I stumble over
my last love poem for you
and my covetous clutching of it,
never sending.

something in me leaps
suddenly
as I imagine it read and
huddled in hearts
circulating through some mountain town
the air moist and green-scented
the days placid and bare-footed
the nights
a cascade of glittering stars –

the poem
far away from me
as you are.

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