

## mothers make do

they give  
even while bombs drop

in crowded death camps  
in church basements  
during the Blitz

a woman squats or lies

stronger closer  
a great knot  
pushed down  
and out  
down and out

steel large orbed  
spews out  
on an umbilical fuse

and ignites  
with a jagged human cry

the world she knows  
ends

it should be this difficult to  
drop a bomb

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