

All that I was

became you
as my milk let down
to nourish your pure, tiny mouth

A love growing
my skin stretched tight around
tiger stripes protecting
perfect, tiny toes

The greatest love
squeezed from the most sacred parts
head frosted in sunlight
ocean-deep blue blinking
in sleepy newness

A growing foundation
spread around you
willing your curiosity
exploring how each pine needle drops
each river rock smoothed in time

Door's crack
for me to watch you grow
angelic face in sleep
painting my world in color
each dawning sunrise

Lightening to the shallows
of Caribbean blue
time starts to be told
in freckles dancing across the bridge

All that I was became you
my roots becoming your branches
a perch to allow observation
of the world
marking it in chalks and ink
a paint that only you can see

The greatest love
swelled from womb
to you, my daughter
Each day that's risen
Each bird song in spring
Each honeyed bee
Each fallen leaf
is my whisper of love
is my whispered strength
is my heart beating for you

