

## **Unviable Psalm**

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The old body pulls itself  
Apart, flees  
Animals in motion  
In the old body  
Bats running into each other midair  
Elephants visiting the graves  
Walruses digging tusks into each other  
Penguins dancing belly to belly  
Ring-necked parrots talking  
Whistling at each other

But in the blood oven  
A pod of Dolphins listen  
A pleat of pregnant  
Women echolocating  
Spinal cords in the  
Bond of being  
The same old body throbs, tends  
To the same old seed  
Implanting anew, germ in time  
Compared  
To a whale  
Compared  
To me<sup>3</sup>