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## WAKING EARLY

It's how I woke at Oak Street,  
in first light, in the pink room.  
I stood, rattled the sides  
on my crib, began to cry and then  
didn't, struck by the bright eye  
of all I was.

Later, it's how I woke with the twins.  
We played in another room on beds  
with sheets rigged up as sails.  
Crocodiles swam under the beds  
in the sea that rolled over that  
floor, the ceiling of the room where  
downstairs our parents slept.

In the moment before waking they are all  
with me, my parents, my brothers  
and sisters. Oak Street gone I must  
wake where I am, gather what light  
there is and get up. I see one long  
chain of lighted faces.

Light out of light out of light.