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## **Six Month Old**

Fontanel the size of a quarter  
like the blow hole in a young porpoise.  
The plates of his head  
grow toward each other.  
He is cut off from his squids and anemones.  
When he eats, the intelligent jelly  
throbs in the notch of his hardening scalp.  
The shifts and buckling of this cartilage  
allowed his passage to this side  
and now his soft spot closes,  
land masses that will merge  
and form the island of this one boy.