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Raining this morning, and she’s sick again, lying next to you, as a mini-you. I’m putting my clothes on in the dark again, about to leave, about to wonder how your day will evolve. You are mother to our child, you are mother to motherless man, you are the skin and the sheath that protects us all. From the rain on Monday morning, from the coughing fits in the night, from the stubbed toes and the tears. It’s more than all this, mother of my world. You are a prayer incarnate, made whole in flesh from God’s own mind. You are ours and His, everything.

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