

## Morning Song Full Poem

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Love set you going like a fat gold watch. The midwife slapped your footsoles, and your bald cry  
Took its place among the elements.

Our voices echo, magnifying your arrival. New statue. In a drafty museum, your nakedness  
Shadows our safety. We stand round blankly as walls.

I'm no more your mother Than the cloud that distills a mirror to reflect its own slow Effacement  
at the wind's hand.

All night your moth-breath Flickers among the flat pink roses. I wake to listen: A far sea moves  
in my ear.

One cry, and I stumble from bed, cow-heavy and floral In my Victorian nightgown. Your mouth  
opens clean as a cat's. The window square

Whitens and swallows its dull stars. And now you try Your handful of notes; The clear vowels  
rise like balloons.

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