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LIFE

have you ever been all alone? — completely all alone
not knowing if anything else exists —
not being able to comprehend
if anything else exists,
being surrounded by a shroud of darkness,
impenetrable by anything,
yet feeling a oneness - a life giving substance
flowing through your veins
and you know, i can't explain it
but you know that you're alive—
life has been given to you - nothing else matters
for the moment—
but life itself

the place you find yourself, is like the place i find myself,
darkness surrounding me,
enveloping my whole person
not knowing where to turn
or what to do
kicking out — punching out —
knowing you can't get out
yet
do you want to get out,
do i want to get out
sometimes i wonder
would it be worth getting out.
the darkness— as dark as it may be
and as ominous and mysterious
as it may be
does console me it is quiet
i'm alive —i am obtaining sustenance for my life
and
i'm growing,
do you know what i mean—
i'm growing
my body is stretching out
and
surging forth
and
expanding — i'm getting larger
my arms,
are shooting forth—
my legs,
my head,
my mind,
yes
all important — my mind
for it is my mind
which helps me to comprehend
my surroundings,

which helps me to foresee,
if it is possible to foresee,
but
to try
to understand,
to know
but — i really can't know —
now
i haven't experienced
all i experience — is where i am
the darkness
my growth
and
the fact that i'm alive
to foresee the future, is that possible?
i can't!
not yet — anyway
not from where i am
but — i am happy
because i'm alive and in my life
i know i will go forth and
i will continue to grow
wait a minute, what's this —
i feel violence within the walls
surrounding me—
everything's getting crowded
things are contracting
what's wrong?
is this the end?
i seemed to have lived
for such a short period of time
no
it can't be — the end
wait
this bubble like object around me
is broken
AM I TO DIE
NO
NO
I CAN'T DIE — I CAN'T
I'VE ONLY BEGUN TO LIVE
WHAT'S HAPPENING — I'M OOZING FORTH
I'M SLIPPING
I'VE LOST MY POSITIONING
I CAN'T STOP MYSELF
OH! THE LIGHT!
THE LIGHT,
IT'S SO BRIGHT!
MY EYES!
I'M CRYING! — I'M CRYING VIOLENTLY!
I'M BREATHING!