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You Had To Know

You had to know
That eventually
My eyes would be opened
And my big mouth too
And the words
Would come falling out.

You had to know
That sooner or later
You would be the one
Left standing in the snow
Searching for meaning
From a soul
That at last is not
Happy to oblige.

You had to know
That one day
I'd be reborn
In a not-quite-so Virgin Birth
Clinging to my sin
Like a mayonnaise jar
Full of diamonds.

--Joseph Souder