

**MARIE JANICK  
BELLEAU**

**La nuit,  
quand tout dort**

La nuit, quand tout dort,  
Je sens la terre trembloter  
Parfois, oui, je pleure

**Qui suis-je?**

Loin de toi, j'ai peur  
Du noir, du froid, de la vie  
Puis... de mon ombre

**Marécage**

Je suis en sueurs  
J'ai les aisselles moites  
Je fonds en larmes  
J'ai grand besoin d'uriner  
Bref, mon corps est  
marécage

**« Plaise à Dieu »**

« Plaise à Dieu »  
Prononcé avec ferveur,  
Invite la Mort  
Dit avec détachement,  
L'accueille sans l'attendre

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**CARLA MOBLEY**

**Not my child**

The child who looks like you  
also acts like you,  
comes to my door,  
knocking, knocking,  
speaking with a lisp,  
playing the piano  
in his old brown shirt,  
snooping through suitcases  
hoping for pleasant surprises,  
looks at me with innocent eyes  
as if he's accusing me  
of littleness of soul  
when I glare at his invasion of space and time.  
This child,  
so much like you,  
he could be mine,  
conceived ten years ago  
in a blue honeymoon van,  
his eyes the colour of amber  
like some disheveled tiger-boy  
pleading for more than I can give.  
with your big eyes of solemn gold.

*Carla Mobley is the author of the book Ms. Magenta published in 2002.*

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