

## First Childing

by [Angela Alaimo O'Donnell](#) in the [May 2024](#) issue

Published on May 9, 2024

### *Mother's Day*

Child, you are the root of my hunger,  
you are the bone of my being. I was  
someone without you. I was everything  
until you came and made me more  
than I had ever been alone. I was  
myself. I was lovely and full filled  
with empty possibility.

I was whole and then you broke me  
with the news of my mortality.

I was frightened. I was thrilled  
by the thought of my becoming  
so necessary, so easily killed.

You are the body I made and adore.

I could not love or fear you more.