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A Nice Diamond or a Moonstone

Gerburg Garmann

A nice diamond or moonstone the jeweler said
slipping his eye into my throat
somewhere there the urge
for sudden departures if not finite ones

Or a tinier jewel my friend said on
the bus, set in your heart or pierced into your ear,
your navel, your saved umbilical cord.

Venus emerges from an ocean of shells:

Floating in a sea of soft pinks and blues
she trims her skin with white lace
and releases eye after eye from her throat.