## VIEWING POINT

There stands a child and to my horror the sight of him is more the mirror.

In his glistening teeth I find long buried angers, and am unkind. All those tears, so much to face, Reflect my own pain's hiding place. With that young face hot with shame Memories rise and I burn the same.

Rendered in a warm and smiling pose The gift I am to life's purpose. Scored in symphonies of child's play, A Dream lost in me renews its way. So from the treasure of that trust Arise myself, kind and just.

It seems that in the child's whim I see myself before I see him.

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