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LIVING WITH FASD: My Baby's Mother

There's something inside her at last
For the longest time there was nothing
She gazes into the mirror
And raises her glass, drinks and turns away
Pragmatism wins over introspection
Her glass is empty
She already loves her baby more than she has ever loved
herself - but will that be enough?
She imagines how he will look when he is born, how she
will dress him
What sort of man he will become
He nudges her and she smiles briefly
She feels different now - special
And for someone who has never felt special in her life
It's a good feeling
She watches as her image fills the glass and raises it to her
lips
And as she sips the only thing that has ever made her
happy, her baby waits to be born

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