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## Two poems

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*By Jeni Booker Senter*

**Movement**

Composing with you  
This sensuous samba.  
Counting tempo  
By the allegretto drumbeat  
Of our hearts.  
The resonance of our love  
Crescendos  
Into passionate heat.  
The earth trembles  
As we begin.  
Moving legato.  
The soft rise and fall  
Of our bodies.  
Obbligato,  
You lead,  
I follow.  
The polyrhythmic flow,  
Uninterrupted.  
Breathing in perfect  
Synchronicity;  
Until Sforzando,  
The trembling climax.  
We clasp hands,  
Touching  
Lip to lip.  
Pianissimo—softly.  
Dolce—sweetly.  
Finale.

**Not Fitting**

I should have known  
When I was forced through,  
Conforming to the doorway

My passage to this world  
Pushed screaming and red-faced  
From a place I could not stay  
Into a place I did not fit  
That the labor of my mother  
Would not end with my birth  
That in fact it would transfer to me.

The Not fitting endures.  
The ring doesn't,  
The dress doesn't,  
The bed doesn't,  
Fit me.

How fortunate is my daughter  
Lifted free from her fleshy confinement  
Through a scalpel slice  
Gently  
Without the pressure of being forced  
Out  
Into a world in which she would not  
Fit.

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