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At ten a.m. St. Valentine's Day,

we lost a voice

whose chords we'll never hear.

All blue motion paled

on the ultrasound screen

then ceased.

Technicians and nurses

scuttled about

the hushed bustle of sterility.

I held you close,

felt a void in your breast

and realized our tears

were the sounds of bones

that would never break. ■