

Edwin Brock

[Broadside]: *Birth Ward*

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The way they come in now:
out of bare blood and water
into a plastic box!

it doesn't matter, I suppose:
history happens as well in rows
as in rag bundles.

My grandfather made me
a gift of it: filling a spy-box
with pieces cut from postcards

and now they wake up in it:
out of the postcards and into
the box they were packed in!

If you wind the boxes they sing
like a Swiss music machine
and the babies hear it

and all the years later
they hear it singing
the same shared pain.

O I love you sang my grandfather's
little pieces of cut postcard
O I love you

and today I am still looking
for someone like a grandson
I can sing to.

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