

MOTHER AND CHILD

oil, frog and mouse on canvases

If you are a mother these three canvases are all about you and your child, and represent the metamorphic changes of your body during pregnancy.

Embryo, Foetus and Neonate are the three significant changes during pregnancy, and each canvas depicts the harmony, beauty, growth and substantial pain which is triggered during this nine month period.

These sequential paintings evolved from photographic documentation of a pregnant mother during the nine month period of her pregnancy.

The series took four years to complete.

The frog and mouse make symbolic references to the unpredictable outcomes of child birth - Boy or girl? Able or disabled? The unpredictability of pregnancy and child birth is reflected in these paintings which depict the possible outcomes to this metamorphic performance of the mothers body.

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MOTHER AND CHILD.

Lying in the bedroom
That echoes with your breathing
We have created something
That can never entirely divide us

Growing in the dark
The gelid embryo evolves
Learning the soft dependence
That we never really lose

Screaming in the theatre
The cries of mother and child are one
weeping at their separation
And the scourging of birth

Lying in the cradle
A fur mouse, a tin frog
Are echoes of other copulation's
And their chance outcomes

Drowning in your relief
You grasp my cold hand -

Our moment of revelation
At a private miracle

Sleeping in your arms
The blessed child, oblivious
That his birth is also a dying,
Completes our modest triptych.

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