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TRYING TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT

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Et cetera, forever. Then a hullabaloo, a *whoosh!*
into your single cell, & a cleaving, an exponential
reaching of a neck & hands, of eyes & a mind fresh
as a honeydew, wet music, a wail, a name. Suck milk

& shit leftovers every-when. Words arrive to a tongue,
unpack suitcases slowly. Thirteen years picking up fear.
Church here & there. Check the time. The zoo, city, one
lovely explosion of the heart after another. Cash, trash, beer,

blah, blah something, & blah. Too much of the tube. Lubed sex.
A recurring dream of raspberries. Find the one & other. Floss more.
Get mugged for too many forty hours & get a new job. Finally examine
the blah. Pray to stay sane. Buy a home, save for later. Antibiotics galore

almost fail once, twice. Kidney stones, retire, inspire grandkids. Pain killers
in bed. Maybe a last chance to choose—one way or another—*which* forever,
etc.