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*Waves of unfelt grief
Ripple through liquid
Egg-white air
Sway like so many dancing girls,
Bend and twist
And slither-prance
Like so many snakes
The pipe-playing sultan
Seduces.
I float in the midst of waves,
An embryo
Sleeping in uteral fluid . . .
Calm,
Unaware . . .
But not quite born,
Not quite real*

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