

## Her Body

Stepping out of the tub,  
Nancy waited  
For the cloud to clear,  
Then found a blue ring  
At the bottom  
Of her pregnancy test.

Later she cruised  
Downtown like a foreigner  
Looking for hap-  
Piness and found  
The clinic, next door  
To the takeout.

One legal visit fixed  
Her up for good;  
Her boyfriend even paid  
For dinner that night,  
For her sixteenth  
Birthday, not knowing

She had lost her  
Appetite, no longer  
Wanted to touch  
Her steak. She left it  
Cold on the table,  
Not saying a word.

—Timothy Liu