

***Origins of Life,- Egg- (Korea) 422#***

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first a cell  
then an egg  
hatched  
'tis the divine  
(not mine)

SHARON HAWLEY

I'd rather have dwelled  
in my lovely egg  
than face the unknown air  
but an urge not mine  
pecked a ragged hole

TAOLI AMBIKA TALWAR

***Come Smiling from the Egg***

Baby! Before you are born  
know why you wish to be born  
Proclaim your longing,  
so it be fulfilled  
before the egg cracks  
and desires spill into  
waving pond of reflections

Baby, taste this noosphere before  
you navigate a trillion stars  
to arrive; so your soul's delight  
feeds end of all earths where  
no splinters are to be left  
to become shards of pain

Smile Baby, smile for this  
is all I have: Arms for a home,  
ears for your many callings,  
eyes to swallow your joy  
breast for your tears. Be wisely  
born. This is your choosing—

Come well: For thine is the kingdom!  
One with big shiny eyes...



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