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for my sons, whom I had
the privilege of carrying
in my womb

& for anyone who has
forgotten their own light

*Do you not know yet?
It is your light
that lights the world.*

— Rumi

the way he smiles
in his sleep . . .
marigolds

even through weed
barriers and pesticides
each blossom
that makes its way
into light

(for abused children everywhere)

my toddler's hands
cupped carefully in a prayer
to lift the mantis'

wood notches —
my son grows
toward the sky

sensitive child
the way cotton clings
to the stem

japanese maple
how quietly the leaves fall
into his stroller

clouds of light . . .
his fingers trace the outline
of my face

gingko leaves
how easily my son's hand
makes its way to mine

following the
patterns of light and shadow —
growing boy

cloudburst
the rainbow
that always follows



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