

# Mirror

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*as through a glass darkly*  
meant a window to my child's eyes,  
probably at night, or perhaps it  
was the frown our mothers told  
us God might make permanent  
so we'd better cut it out,  
that dark look we got sent  
to our rooms for, but when  
mirror was finally identified,  
like looking glass someone explained,  
I understood *face to face*  
only was that God's face  
lurking behind mine as I peered  
at the medicine chest in the morning  
or would we have eyes  
at all if we made it to heaven,  
drowning like moths in a sea of light.