

Daughter

mind-hopped

golem

fully-figured

five-fingered

i take

inventory

of you--

thing of my mind

already flawed

inherent ly flawed

to me

every finger and toe

every orifice

each grey eye

a

forgetting

my life passes over into yours, my

creation

a body

outside myself

a new self, a

dark-haired
grey-eyed
daughter

projection that replaces,

makes me

obsolete

I was once

essential

La Mer

changing soft body
my body covers inside
yours i coat
you i

beautiful irritant
ir i descent
descent

infertile realm
nothing is born here
springs up and
grows a tougher shell
protecting
me from it and
itself from me

placenta
pearl

it takes over,

this golem goddess
this daughter of mine

makes decision for me long before
she hatches, full formed,
a tiny blue bird from a shattered
shell

seed

a thought a shattering a bright light feeling
as far up into me as I can feel, a
violation of my very heart and lungs

finding Osiris after all these years I am
the most ravaged woman, the most fertile—
the Nile's violent floods rival my
soft boundaries, its
shores, like mine, slathered with shimmering

I create you and you let me
create you we create

an improvisation
my body creates your fingers without my
thinking of it—something in the blood
instructs and constricts

one head
five fingers on each of
two hands
two arms with two elbows
two shoulders reaching
a collarbone that will one day
be the most beautiful aspect of you and I
would want to kiss there—
above your firm breasts
as you become me