

## Empty Rings

A heart beat,

Yet soon the world darkened

In vanishing hopes.

"Oh, God, won't she answer?"

A twopence coin readied

... but only the buzzing sound...

A meaningless ring pleading:

"I am here!..."

But love was not in that day,

The heart beat slowed,

... death walked away.

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