

DOES THIS WOMAN IN BLACK

Does this woman in black

Carry the boy child as an offering

To the giant mouth of the sea?

Is he dressed in white holiness or is this

An ordinary t-shirt and soiled pamper?

What does she long for, the woman all

In black, whose long hair is loosened by winds

From distant islands?

Does she dream of return? Of departure?

Or of the sturdy boy, the child in her arms,

A blessing that ties her to the rising, to the

Setting sun and to the tides?