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Bunnies

The showing of the prime specimen went quite well
It screamed with the acute realization of death
A death squeal so-to-speak
It was the first time its larynx ever made any noise
The scientist inserted a needle right into its furry belly
It said "cutie" like "cuuuu-teeee"
And everyone in the audience roared
The scientist raised the bunny up by its long ears
With the needle still in its belly and aroused greater cheers
"I heard it, did you hear it, it was magical, it was so beautiful,
I think I'll have fantastic dreams tonight"
The audience said while leaving the auditorium

If I were someone cool and admirable maybe you will read this

I can hold my breath for one minute and ten seconds

That's it

But what a sense of freedom!

I will find solace in my breathlessness

stasis

I need to see the babies he said
Show me to the vending machine he said
He was led to the vending machines
Near the bathrooms
And there they were
The little babies
In little capsules
Surrounded in amniotic fluid
The colors of gumballs

He kept filling the coin slot, turning the knob
Clicking the mechanical gears until
Capsule babies dispensed from the machine
And into his hands
No, no, no, no, no, no, he said
Where is my baby he said