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but you’ve never been doubled over with cramps  
aching and worn out, pale with femininity  
like a woman assaulted on a Subway platform,  
like a girl whose father visits in the night—  
you’ve never been so vulnerable.

I don’t think a ‘beautiful cycle of life’  
should leave you raw and bruised, weak.  
I need something to cradle my insides—  
there’s a bull pawing and sometimes he charges.

—Bekah Taylor '00