



In stiffness we meet everything
Our father's hands, our mothers' eyes
We writhe in elastic skin
We shudder as light seeps in

In stiffness, we cradle our knee
As pain waves blood from within
Cries fracture our innocence hearts
An innocence that with haste departs

In stiffness, we shiver
As skin meets other souls that sing
Glistening eyes turn frosty
Silken love stiffens to animosity

In stiffness, we say goodbye
We watch from the front row
Their coldness betrays warm memories
Here, when God becomes our enemy

In stiffness, we squint under last light
Family waits in the clearing
Seized under wrinkles of rippling skin
We shudder as light seeps in