

# The Foundling

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A baby  
A FOUNDLING  
Unwanted  
LOOKING  
Unloved and unblessed  
FOR  
Left on a doorstep  
HOME  
An unbidden guest  
WANDERS  
A shivering shadow  
THROUGH  
A child with no name  
DARKNESS  
Severed  
AND  
Surrendered  
TRAVELS  
Sinking in pain  
ALONE  
Conceived in the gale of a ruinous storm  
Partially killed, partially born  
Abandoned, abandoned, falling through space  
With nobody's eyes and nobody's face  
A foundling  
A child disconnected who no longer dries  
With a prisoners stare and an orphans eyes  
A free floating phantom held together by skin  
A small helpless stranger, a sign in the wind  
Washed into this work in fever and flood  
Tears remorse, sorry and blood  
Abandoned, abandoned left at the gate  
Cut loose un-tethered tattooed by fate  
A Foundling.

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