

## The Mobile

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The mobile swings above the crib  
Its lullaby rocking the baby to sleep  
Yet the overhanging objects cause a quiver in his lip  
Eventually bringing him to weep  
He wishes that he could escape  
With his little hot wheels cars  
But despite crawling every which way  
The baby is trapped within the white bars  
Forced to look until his eyes are closed  
At the star and moon above  
A planet green like garden hedgerows  
And finally a flower supposedly filled with love  
The shooting star passes by gently  
Gliding through the night air  
But through the good it has brought for many  
The baby sees nothing but despair  
In the moon, the baby sees himself  
Or at least what he wants to become  
And like the highest object on a faraway shelf  
Slips out of his grasp as the lullaby continues to hum  
The green planet confuses the baby boy  
Because of the conflicting emotions expressed by the mother  
Emphasizing its importance, but using it to buy her toy  
The boy watches it pass, as would any other  
Finally there is the flower, where love supposedly settles  
Even though she smiles at him a lot  
The baby can tell by counting the petals  
That this flower loves him not  
The baby pouts and watches it spin  
Wondering why was it placed there  
If he is supposed to be held in  
How can he reach what seems so fair  
If not this mobile, why should he pass  
And live in this tiny bedroom  
Will he ever leave the bottle, only to reach for a glass  
With all this uncertain, is his childhood doomed  
Of course, the baby doesn't understand everything  
Although he wishes now he hadn't walked  
Now his parents think he can do anything  
And are surprised he hasn't already started to talk  
Yet despite all this, they still refuse  
To let their baby touch the mobile  
So why do they think the boy's pulling a ruse  
When he never wants to smile  
The mobile swings above the crib  
The lullaby rocking the baby to sleep  
Yet the only time he may ever be able to touch it  
Is within the confines of his own dreams.