

NEWBORN

- Squeeze a little tighter, throw something at the newly painted wall, empty out the shelves, empty out the bank account, steal the dog in the park - the happy one with the big paws - kiss the man who is not a stranger, eat the rotting fruit, drink the salt water, say I never loved you, swing a leg over the balcony rail, call in empty threats, empty out train stations, airports, bring paramedics and police, crush them tight beneath my fingertips, grind them to dust, your bones are so fragile, I could just -

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