

# Begettings

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Dysfunction cascades--  
parent to child to grandchild  
and so forth down the line—

until someone's smart enough  
to be infertile or celibate  
or erectile dysfunctional.

Fucking heredity  
and its handmaids,  
nurture and abuse.

However did we make it this far  
without murdering one another  
as the other sleeps

and blaming it on madness  
or the demons the id will conjure  
just for the hell of it?

