

## THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE IT

Indicator clear,  
Pregnant in view,  
We knew to wait,  
Didn't know for whom,  
Belly grew big  
and bigger and bigger.

The promise of something new.  
There was nothing like it.

Gush of fluid,  
Hurried night's wait,  
Straps and tracings,  
Healthy heart rate,  
Three days labor,  
A labor of love.

Waiting for something new.  
There was nothing like it.

Three generations  
Camped in the hall,  
Uncles, aunts, cousins  
Waiting for that call,  
Kabbalat Shabbat,  
Progress stalled.

Time for something new.  
There was nothing like it.

Tender cry out,  
Out from the belly  
Blonde and blue,  
Smeared in jelly,  
Held in my arms,  
By the head of your Ima

Tiny, someone new.  
There was nothing like it.

Sweetly asleep,  
Sweetly awake,  
Gave us more rest  
Than you could take,  
Fireworks aglow,  
New year, newborn.

Wonder through and through.  
There was nothing like it

Layin' on the couch,  
Puckered for a latch,  
Fueled by the zing,  
Supply without match,  
New belly growing big  
and bigger and bigger.

Life of someone new.  
There was nothing like it.

Sheltered, embraced  
By the letter of the law,  
Beautiful, gentle,  
Room filled with awe,  
Cradled by scores,  
Care beyond numbers.

Welcoming someone new.  
There was nothing like it.

Year ago today,  
From the very first second  
Before cheeks, hair, teeth,  
Changes and developments  
Patient, calm, kind,  
A spirit full of grace.

Love from someone so new.  
There is no one like you.