

START TO FINISH

It started like a birthday present
Irresistibly unwrapping you
Fondling the wonder of newness
Oh where do you start and what do you do?

It strengthened like a thrill ride
While tearing asunder my soul
Careening from pleasure to terror
Plummeting out of control

It withered like a marathoner
Exhausted at 25 miles
Forgetting that the goal was to finish
Forgetting the kisses and smiles

It ended like an abortion
Cut clean and taken from me
Discarded to darkness and silence
Forgotten by necessity

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