# Neonatal montage

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As the electrode pops on your hiccups

The day of misery is just born.

The artifacts, starlings in murmuration

The oscillator, your heartbeats, your breathing

Then the pat on the back by your nurse

The swinging chair of your grandma.

You sleep.

The trace' alternant appears.

I watch you stretch.

More artifacts.

Then come the sharp waves like army ants.

I ignore a few.

They soon disappear behind the vertex.

Here come the delta brushes

Sharps return with a vengeance

Like tumbleweeds on the sand dunes.

The picket fences become corn fields.

You, stretch with a slight quiver

Your mother pushes a warm kiss on you

The low oxygen alarm sounds.

You are travelling in windows of green

Corn fields, then passages and more.

Sand dunes, with isolated bushes

Then army ants again on the right, and then left

Building picket fences and corn fields.

I lost count of your seizures; how many so far?

You stretch, staring at me through the camera.

Where will you be travelling next?

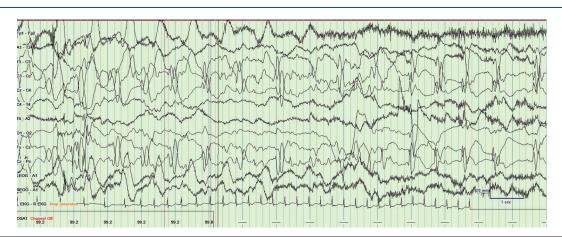
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