



## Reflection of my father

Another I'm-turning-into-my-father moment,  
My reflection in the mirror the trigger.  
Naked, entering the shower,  
I was unsettled by its intrusion.  
It wasn't the shared physique.  
I would have laughed at that.  
No, it was the glimpse of an appraisal,  
And the sense of an expectation, unfulfilled.  
Nothing crystallized in the turbulence of the spray.  
All insinuation seemingly washed away.  
But the question lingered long after I dried and dressed.

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