

# Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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## Friday Poem

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### **Portrait**

*By Louise Gluck*

A child draws the outline of a body.  
She draws what she can, but it is white all through,  
she cannot fill in what she knows is there.  
Within the unsupported line, she knows  
that life is missing; she has cut  
one background from another. Like a child,  
she turns to her mother.

And you draw the heart  
against the emptiness she has created.

#### 4 Comments

1. well there you go.

interesting series, interesting topic.

*Comment by [charley](#) — March 9, 2007 @ [7:44 pm](#)*

2. beautiful!

what a beautiful concept – your friday poetry entry  
(i often wonder does it have any religious context?)

*Comment by [moon](#) — March 10, 2007 @ [12:13 pm](#)*

3. versechorusverse

*Comment by [le poem](#) — March 11, 2007 @ [2:30 am](#)*

4. nice poem and great topic – portraiture – thanks for this amazing journal that you make

*Comment by [Lisa](#) — March 11, 2007 @ [3:43 am](#)*