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I
born in a laboratory
an orphan by postulate
declare
that my sister
born in the bedroom of the 20th century
lost my mechanical doll
which for me had replaced
an angel.

I
an Experiment
a Finally Successful Product
exhibited at football stadiums
a collective child of medicine
with a loop of tenderness round my neck
I ask the gentle finder
to return my doll
which cannot be replaced by
an angel.

Distinguishing marks of the doll:
she utters two censored words
mommy daddy.

*Translated by the author with Geri Lipschultz
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