## **Subtle Changes**

Today I am a teenage girl, as I was yesterday and the day before But once I was much smaller,

The change must have been subtle at first It happens in the small moments Like the first time my mom groaned as she strains to pick me up Or favorite pants now too tight

Then suddenly, almost as if it happened at once, I am no longer so small
Bits of my childhood begin to crumble
Until one day, I woke up, a teenage girl