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Yebuda Amichai

They amputated
your thighs from my hips.
As far as I'm concerned, they're always
doctors. All of them.

They dismantled us
from each other. As far as I'm concerned,
they're engineers.
A pity. We were such a good and loving
invention: an airplane made of a man and a woman,
wings and all:
we even got off
the ground a little.
We even flew.

translated by Stephen Mitchell