

Death's Silver Lining

a child's death grieves us,
loved ones left to mourn their loss,
a full life cut short

thin silver lining:
no generations follow,
countless lives unlived

progeny spared death,
war, misery, torment, fear
in longtermism's view

would joy outweigh tears?
antinatalists question,
better not to live?

we fortunate few
know but this cloudless moment
in the roiling storm

