

## Apraxia

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He turns to her. The story's well-rehearsed:  
mistakes at work, wing mirrors clipped, wrong change,  
'His Mum went like this too'. I probe the wound.  
'What was the first thing - really worried you?'  
Her face falls. 'It was Christmas time last year,  
our youngest brought him her new Lego set.  
He couldn't help, just sat there with the box  
and shuffled all the pieces in his hands'.  
There's blood for genes, a cholinergic faint,  
much talk. The clinic fades to dozy Tube.  
I'm home to fumble round a bedtime – late  
again - and Miles (pyjamaed in the hall  
amid a flood of plastic gems) holds up  
two broken bricks he can't unpick. We build.