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*To Destry,
'til we meet again*

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Do not go gentle into that good night,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
— *Dylan Thomas*

The Birth of Rage

The drums. The insistent drill of the drums awakened me from my slumber. Strange, how when every other sound seems so stifled, that the drums should permeate the walls of this woman's womb to reach me stark and clear. Penetrating. The staccato beat rings in my ears, its vibrations juddering through my yet unformed body. I am not troubled, rather I welcome the throbbing clatter like a brother. It is part of me. It is who I am. It is part of what I am.

The village *kattadiya*¹ began his preparations for the ritual. His *golaya*², faces serious and somewhat fearful, hurried about their duties, setting stage for the most potent and dangerous ritual a *kattadiya* could be called on to perform.

1 A healer cum witch doctor

2 Student helper