



...november 4, 2011...

a bridesmaid with a birthday cake  
a dress with velvet bows  
white and pink and purple –  
thirty years ago –

or am i remembering  
the wedding that was you  
with someone else's birthday  
crowding memory?

the fire logs are burning red  
and turning into blue  
while i pursue these visions  
in a collage of you –

and even if it isn't  
your birthing day today –  
i wish you rainbow happiness  
on this un-birthing day.

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