

they are not exactly stable. It cannot fully support the weight it is carrying, just like how the mother cannot fully support her unborn child. It could also mean that the child has taken over her life because she is attached to it through the strings.

“O red fruit, ivory, fine timbers!” With the use of the word “O” to address the child would mean that she sees it as some god or goddess since we use that word to address these beings. The red fruit can be associated with the melon since it is red inside, and this can be associated with the baby for it is red upon its conception. The ivory is one of the most valuable objects an elephant could give us. People kill just to get it, a small thing yet so valuable. Just like ivory, the baby has its values too. Fruits are pulled off from trees; Ivory is pulled from elephants. Just like during the time of giving of birth, the baby has to be pulled out as well. Fine timbers are what make houses feel complete due to its design and value. All of these have values and it is these values that make them desirable items. With all these objects used to describe the baby, we can say that she considers it to be precious.

“This loaf’s big with its yeasty rising.” We can imagine the rising of the yeast as it overflows the top of the baking pan. There is a pun which is “bun it over” that has reference to pregnancy. Bread could be referred as to the bread of life, which is the child about to be born. This line also shows that she begrudges her situation, wishing she were not in that state since a lot of problems are rising into her life.

“Money’s new-minted in this fat purse.” Minting is a process of making something valuable from a metal, like coins. Coins are usually placed in a purse and people have a tendency of keeping their shiny coins. Crime rates are rising especially from stealers. Like pickpockets, a fat purse is a desired object for them. They only care about what is inside it and not the purse itself; the inside has far greater value than its container. The money represents the baby since it becomes more valuable and delicate than its bearer. The mother then is not looking forward to giving birth to her child, even plans on selling it since it can