Opposites: a harangue

part of me says

how can you stand me?

I’m so annoyingly male

my whole life is directed

through my hands

through my tongue

through a hole in the end of my penis

why would you want those things inside you?

think of the risk you take

inviting an alien to take up residence

perform his programme

use you and your body

to achieve his own ends

part of me says

how can you not have me?

I’m so delightfully male

my whole life is directed

into making

speaking

pressing life outwards into the world

how can you stand to be empty?

think of the things you would lose

refusing an invitation to an guest

who would make his home inside you

perform his programme

and allow you to give a small birth

with each act of love