

BOY SKIN

Duplex after Jericho Brown

An avatar can be a deity—
delivery in the digital age,

digital delivery in my early age,
mask of a person, meant to cross worlds

cross worlds as a masc. person, I *cross-dressed*.
I never knew how to ask of dad—

dad never knew how to ask about *it*,
only howled like a Houston Hurricane;

nights howling made me a hurricane
like the shake of Earth or mother's panic,

his drunk Earth and my mother's panic.
my body saved me from his every hit,

I saved every hit in my boy skin.
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