

Like the doll she clings to

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Her legs as thin as the frame
she uses to guide her frail body
Each turn of the wheels
an unravelling string
of opportunity

Her eyes lit like the day
the earth stood still
when her gaze impressed the woman
who sung her into existence

Her voice caught within her
wrinkled cheeks and
dream-like thoughts but she grins
as if her mum played peek-a-boo
her world simple

She claps as if understanding
the gravity of walking the length
of what seems like the country
compared to the metre
we once clung to