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hatch of legal abortion was opened; some doctors are ready to operate almost anybody because profits are high; several million women now claim that legal induced abortion has made them physically unwell; finally, we have become more confident that Japan's population can keep right on growing without creating insuperable problems.

Much as we need guard rails, signal lights, speed laws, food and drug laws, and tax regulations, so also we need precise laws about abortion which will not be eroded off the map by human passion, or by liberal interpretations in court; we need such laws to save us from ourselves; we need them to stop the terrible discrimination against our most defenseless fellow human beings.

**Ed. Note: Appendices referred to in this article are available.*

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*I am your child.
Within the silence of your womb
I grow — an uninvited guest.
Is this my tomb?*

*I bear your name. Without your genes
I could not even start to be.
By your imperative demand
Must I now die before I see?*

*You have your life and love,
Your time of laughter here on earth.
Would you deny to me my life and
children of my own?
What am I worth?*

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