

SUNRISE

Over the Drakensberg

By Chris Ellis

I really wonder why I do obstetrics
when the mothers are in labour;
is it going to come out or isn't it?
And when it does, I wonder why
I don't do more.

This morning at 4.30 am
it was a baby girl.
I've never attended a normal vaginal delivery,
everyone is unique;
so this morning's was another unique vaginal delivery.

Everyone tired, relieved and excited all at once.

As I drove out of the hospital gates
the most perfect sunrise was lighting up
the Drakensberg,
a salmon pink colour.

What a wonderful start to the day.

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