(inspired by Jackie Kay's Ma Boon's vagina monologue)

## 'Traumatised Vagina'

"You get to look more like your mother everyday" spouted the gynaecologist as I lay ceremoniously spread eagle; knees up, on the doctors bed. I blushed. But it wasn't my face she was looking at. The patronising Doctor said "Your vagina's traumatised dear" "Has there been more rigorous activity than normal?" The pink turned to scarlet. Ironic since the unstoppable flow of deep red blood had drove me frantically to her surgery door. My vagina pulsated in recognition of the sterile instrument used to a more ... erotic touching in kinder light. Alien to the broad daylight exposure and Nazi-like interrogation. "The bleeding will stop, just take a break" she said. As if I was a woman of the night contemplating a vacation. My vagina had squeezed out three 8lb babies in the past twenty years

and survived the promiscuous 80's

yet suddenly I was reduced

to feeling 16 again.