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## Double-You

The O of her flashbulb, her  
beehive (her eye, her ear).  
A lenswoman.

Snowy lawn, tarpaulin, hose:  
in the winter yard blooms  
a sudden rink

A glow of white t-shirt, bright  
socks, a halo, a blur,  
a dusty penumbra.

A kitten, a lampshade.  
Another way of seeing:  
a hamster, a wheel.

A mirrored bride,  
brown hand on pale tulle.  
A double-take, a self-caress.

Life preserver, uniform,  
bowl-cut, wet.  
Mouth rounded in relief.

Sisters in winsome aprons,  
curls. The mixing-bowl; the beaters.  
The machinery makes its own light.

### Instructions for interactive treasure hunt:

1. Each of the seven micro-poems within 'Double-You' corresponds to one photograph in *The Image Pool*. Can you work out which photograph inspired which micro-poem?
2. Bonus round: a particular letter of the alphabet appears at least once in all seven micro-poems. Can you guess which letter? Hint: there is a clue in the title.

This poem/interactive treasure map is in response to the photographic collection, *'The Image Pool, 2016'* by Patrick Pound and forms part of the *Shadow Catchers* exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales 2020.