

Progenitor

after Derrick Buisch's Building

Curled up in the
title is
the mother.
is the father
Acrylic on paper gives birth to
oil and acrylic on
stretched canvas
and now to build
is witnessed
Building is *build*,
old English, to dwell
and now the gerund
dwells,
looming above
as a water tower,
a cell tower,
and the baby from
the study
is all grown up,
looming above
its birdhouse father,
its treehouse mother.

There's something in
the water
There's something in
the paint

--Katrin Talbot