

# first heartbeat

Category: Haiku

written by Neha Sunkara | April 17, 2026

An aerial photograph of a large, powerful ocean wave. The water is a deep, vibrant blue-green, and the wave's crest is breaking into white foam. A small surfer is visible riding the wave. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

first heartbeat—  
the ultrasound static  
becomes music

Neha Sunkara  
Houston, Texas