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Because

words, a mother's  
tongue — unleavened insinuations wafer-thin, desire's  
muffled womb

because time  
slips from its moorings, because grief, because prayer  
promise of a canvas  
primed — discernment's double-locked doors  
a tree's lost leaves

the advent of coincidence, affirmation, melting snow  
a crystal egg —  
because light comes  
full circle

because night  
because there is no other — just brush-strokes  
benediction, an angel's  
broken gravity

where no tears fall

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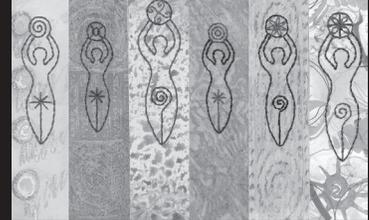
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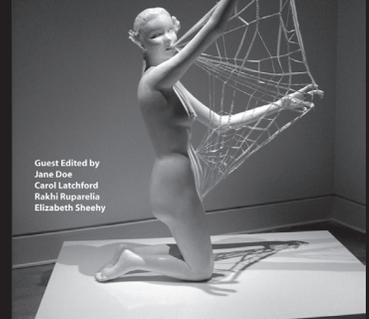


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