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### Metaphor For How the West Was Won

hard on to hard on  
men move like mad ants  
reframing their broken home

like the sun  
their voices rise  
and become ghosts-chanting Cherokee  
warriors

who watch the dark hill  
against the dark sky  
where their wives make love  
to native politicians

there is  
a silhouette of feminine shadows on the  
skyline  
one chrysanthemum opening  
reshaping

and eyes that grow like a reflection in water  
swooning for the symmetry  
inside

and a hug on the hips

and the swaying.

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