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Two Poems

1. She'll Cry for Him

she'll cry for him
when she's an old woman
with grown-up grandbabies
cry that none of them
are his from children
they never made
she'll look out from her wrinkles
and see him still smoothly
youngly beautiful
loving her out of the past

2. If You Wore Wool Socks

if you wore wool socks while
your emerald scarf rested in my lap
if you read a book
accompanied by a bag of fireworks
if it were Christmas on the train
and you spoke to me in Denmark
about political fashion
and Palestinian scarves
you were delectable