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*("An Ashanti woman tilts the flattened
basin on her head to let the water slide
downward: I am that woman, that water.")*

In a corner of the lorry park
she unwraps her middle cloth
bends forward
to place her clay-reddened child
on her back.
Her stomach
a bared vault of softness
so smooth from a distance.

Nut bared heaven when she arched over Geb
as this woman
the dark world of her body
uncovered
stoops over her child.

Sunlight ordered
arrayed in country cloth
she is the black pivot
the spiralling source
begetting greater blacknesses.



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