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BREAKTHROUGH

Interred path of
stratified stereotype,
role diffusion confusion,
centuries of dark immersion,
submerged under masculine ids,
in helpless submission,
the static female condition.

Wits sharpened on dull rock
claw through layers of tyranny,
Anger, in spontaneous combustion
rips apart each sacranine mask,
blasts away eons of oppression,
to exhume the Eves at last.

Not men, not inferior,
equal, not superior,
Women.

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THE WAKE

He is dead
took his own life when
his worldly burden
he could
no longer bear.
Why are we gathered
at his wake?
To see our expensive flowers
around his coffin?
In his life
he had need of the money
we paid for the flowers
but we withheld our patronage.
Is ours morbid curiosity
at the grief
of the next of kin?
Or the painful knowledge
our omission has
made us all accomplices.