DIANE DRIEDGER

it runs in the family

this gazing down
this embarrassing lapse of sense
only on her side so her husband says
he found her set the parameters
she was the one to be cared for
clouded she accepted the veil
all his lapses of sense  her burden
when will she be the stronger
she picks through the cobwebs
the self crafted long ago
her husband on the outside
arranging for her exile
her separateness from him
yes she always wanted this but
not in this green-walled hospital
not in this white-coated presence

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MARIANA COLLEEN PERRY

Tilting

Today, I met a man from Montreal.
Tonight I dreamed I rode
to Dorval airport
astride a giant aerosol can of
Whipped Topping
on wheels, like a nineteenth century cannon.
I rode up and down the runways,
careening,
hugging with my arms the button marked ‘push’,
engulfing DC-8's, Boeing 707’s,
and even the brand-new Tri-Star.
And from the Air Canada desk
there came a metal voice
apologizing to the people for the
frothy inconvenience
in two languages.

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