ELIZABETH PICKETT

hairline fracture

the ribs are a fragile cage for the heart's urgings

your boney skullcap hot brain firing nerves eyes, brow, hands

tongue, lashings of teethscarred knuckle, muscle control, those abs pecs, the six-pack punches

through bruised organs hear their music in her ears and heart's distal pulse, an ancient cadence

fists face feinting

bloodlines traced back to the cave beneath fractured ridges into the bone

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JOANNA M. WESTON

Listening In

for Anne Szumigalski 'The Holy Fountain' in 'Woman reading in bath', p.54

how did she know the girls walking by the river were virgins?

did she ask 'have you had your first man?'

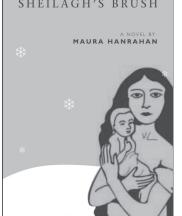
did she guess from their closed hips that they had never opened to passion and surprise?

did she know their breasts small in tight white bras were yet untouched?

did she eavesdrop on their verbal virginity?

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