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Checking My Daughters at Midnight with Lotion on My Hands

night climbs over discarded clothes black jeans black camisole with a trim of white lace under their eyelids other worlds move across their faces quilts drawn up to nostrils like lilies like peonies the fragrance of lilacs in the seams of open windows let in the rush of air from the dark creek a woods lullaby for those who sleep close to trees in the night’s silence an eloquent language of love and darkness hard between the sigh of a deep dreamer the rustle of a body turned a fourth wall reflects the hand smoothes the crease off a brow pain of the whispered of the whispered....

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