

Eritrean women refugees as "victimized rather than as victims, and as active shapers of their personal and collective lives" (16).

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Scorpio Swinging, After the Painting by Jean-Honore Fragonard (c. 1768)

for Nicola

Moving to greater heights
and knowing the thrill as you return
to the faithful earth once more,
whether it is the jump from a bridge
with a bungee rope around your ankle
or a gliding leap on a ski slope—this
is your impression on how life should be.

And now I think it all began
with nothing more than the pendulum
rise and fall of the garden swing
as you cherished the idyllic breeze
on your face kicked off your sandals
and reached out with your toes
to rival the on-coming air.

The sky at your back was sombre but you
were bathed in a sunlit-shaft. Behind you
the past and a guardian figure holding
the ropes striving to limit the heights
you knew you could attain. And beneath
the provocative rustle of petticoat
and branches the waiting world adored you.

Beryl Baigent dedicates her poetry to her three daughters: Amanda (Mandy), Nicola (Nicki), and Krista. Many of Beryl's poems reflect her Celtic background.

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