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Mati Sicherer.

THREE  
WOMEN

I have stolen pieces of your souls  
(as you have probably done to mine)  
and buried them in the deep rich soil behind my eyes.  
I see the image of you, swaggering down a back street,  
hailing passing cars and opening your coat to reveal your  
white body in the cold  
and you, running in the dark,  
helpless and scared and half mad and high  
and you, lumbering through the dirty hallway like an amazon  
princess asking for change.  
Do you breathe?  
Could I touch you if I saw you dancing in the rain outside  
my door?  
Is what I have, these stolen fragments of you, all  
that even you have left?  
I am safekeeping your shadows, buried like precious jewels.

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