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Grandma said she was kicked out  
of dance halls when  
she was a young girl  
with another friend  
for spinning.  
Two girls entwine  
as they spin like tops  
around the waxed wood flooring.  
Giggling they circle  
around and around the hall  
without a care whether  
they look rowdy,  
or might knock  
into other dancers.  
Too young to think  
about consequences  
they are dizzy with delight,  
hair wispy and damp.  
Feet fly over the floor,  
skirts lifting  
with the twirling.  
Chased out of the dance hall  
they laugh and float  
into the night,  
voices echoing  
in the dark empty street.  
They spin around  
the lamplight,  
whirling all the way home.



“The Dance” by Rassouli

