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WOMAN KIND

— by Dr. Sam Lackey



Flames blind and bind the silken dancer to the root
 That swells the furnace children,
 Burns to soot their cries of ecstasy and fear

Her ashen feet
 Stand still through streams of light
 Her ashen voice
 Falls smoking through their outstretched arms,
 Mingling laughter and the ruffled hair
 That blows the waves across
 Her windy blood

She dances through the eyes of man
 To swim among his fears,
 To draw another dancer from the flames
 And fire the shouting sail

Meteors burn heavy in the dusk
 Tail of the phoenix
 And the saving salt of tears



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