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It is a slow disrobement at first  
casual, then passionate at the rousing of the wind  
and stranger I stand – warmly welcomed – beneath her arms  
    stepping on the hem of her clean white cloak  
She sheds each piece  
She paves the ground for me  
Me, the young morning admirer.

But my boots, mud caked by belied kindness  
My jacket, thorn torn and faded denim  
Am I not just a girl the world has touched?  
    So I will wash

My hands venture toward her waist  
and I see now that blushed blame transfer  
lively white hot in my cheeks soaked  
    from that crimson-pierced petal  
She drapes over me  
and I have a new name, and it is  
Humble.