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I wore the wispy dream
like a threadbare handkerchief
recovered from Grammie's lingerie drawer, thin
with time, with tears, with worried fingers
kneading arthritic hopes and
marking days.

I worried around the fringes
of ghost linen, a dream shrouded
gauzy haze filtering longing
embroidered curly cues and
monogram letters knowing only
that you were there.

At once, the dream fabric was born
new and robust, a dense
interweave of impervious thread
something to grasp and track
caressing dream textures revealing
that I was there.

We belly crawled like soldiers
over the Limantour dunes
sand windswept into eyes
pampas grasses shearing cheeks
converging finally together
counting wounds.

We slumped in a cocoon nest
free from the sand, the wind, the
war of our lives, billowing a dream
parachute with its own starry sky
silence pervasive, focus profound
taking stock.

There was no blood, nothing
broken, no remedy to surmise
but your legs were not working
and my middle was a gaping hole
which all seemed familiar –

we had arrived.

I sank into a newborn's trance
the bliss of suckling at mother's breast
having everything I needed
my gaping hole
your useless legs
consuming reverie.

Then an unspoken promise
crossed between us

I opened my mouth
You used your hand to
scoop out palmfuls of clay

I knew I would always be the source
You would always be the maker
And between us lame and gaping
We would always make
A whole.