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-Mardelle Fortier-

In red dress  
the skater swirls across the ice,  
a spreading wildfire. Drums beat  
with a strange, strong rhythm.  
In the night  
the dark-skinned beauty seduces us  
body curling around each musical note.  
spiraling, leaping, whirling  
she fills the arena with a force  
of nature.  
The ice burns as she lands each jump,  
pounces into the next one. We cannot  
predict where she will move  
as lithe arms singe the air  
and feet catapult her into a back flip.  
She returns to the ice with  
a crackling triumph  
scorching our hair to the roots.