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PERIODIC

Wading deep in the wake of her menstruation
Flooding the cold winter air with the scent
of wild base lizard brain f---ing
My flushed face wind burned cheeks red clay
first man Adam of Eden of the Earth
soil caked flesh scratched and scarred
and wearing our aftermath
Our mutual bleeding sacrament
She worships at my feet washed
anointed with snow crunched
beneath each step forward
departing the confines of embrace
to walk the world
Light canvas shoes baptizing feet with
purified waters
I am reverent in my self-referencing
reflecting history against this very breath
Her blood as a vestment worn against my
masculinity
Her eyes turn up to me
She sings my praises
The way we engage makes me fearful
as it would be so easy to be swept up
in her devotion
When what I need is an equal
to remind me of my mortality
why I enjoy the pains and
being made to bleed
I am but a man and she is not of my rib
she is sculpted side by side as if by
a potter and his wheel and kiln
Our coital combination in the image of god