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So exhausted, and so pregrant,  
Their wombs drop out of them  
Swing there, pendulous  
Ruled by Grandfather Clock  
-like linearity.

A swan sweeps you up, thundering thunder-wing  
To harken the Trojan War.  
Gabriel informs: you are a divine vessel  
Be grateful for the blood to come.  
Hark! Kneel.

Leday, Mary, when will we be ours?  
With no need for our angry hands to tear out  
Capillaries, fistsful of fleshy fertility for freedom?  
When will we spread, full and green, between the Tigris and the Euphrates  
Of our swollen, unacknowledged potential?