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Two Virgins

The discovery, by two virgins on Cyprus –
where no one can go without falling in love –
that one of life's cycles can be sweet,
was only the latest knot in the long rope of surprises
we are climbing.

Hand over hand, hand in hand,
two virgins on Cyprus –
where no one can go without falling in love –
sojourned across the dry white hills,
floated in the saltiest waters,
grasped tightly to each welcome knot.

How privileged we were, two virgins on Cyprus –
where no one can go without falling in love –
to discover that we are two virgins of the soul,
bodies well-used, but irrelevant,
on Cyprus.

Martha Attiyeh

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