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Your smooth black hair  
lies against the white,  
white pillow.  
Your dark eyelashes  
lightly touch your  
pale face.  
Your curved mouth  
is open,  
simply, innocently  
breathing.  
This time in the morning  
when you are still  
asleep,  
is like new snow -  
soft, white and  
uncomplicated.  
It's when you  
wake up  
and begin telling  
the lies that run  
out of your mouth  
like thick black oily  
ink  
onto a clean page -  
then  
there is no denying  
what you are.  
It's as clear as  
black and white.