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THE PHOTOGRAPH

Soft feet
perfectly manicured
crimson nails
reflecting light
wrapped fastidiously
in gold trimmed
leather sandals.
Western feet
so alien
planted
on a rubble of blinking shells
spent cartridges.

— *Jo-Ann Ledger*

THE MARTYR

The
woman
said,
“I sacrificed everything I had for my children,
but
I see
now
that
they
don’t
care.”

— *Sandra Penrose*