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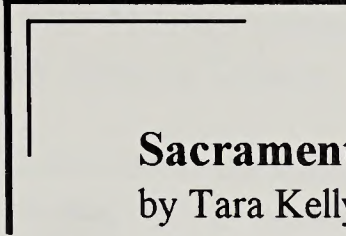
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Sacrament Of Tea
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Roasted chicory root and
hibiscous flowers
steep
echoing the shrill whistle of
steam
weeping brown melodies
of aromatic
allure.

I sit cross-legged
clenching a cube of sugar
between my teeth
and suck in.
Eyes closed still as
hot
cascades down
 past steps
 and steps
 of storied
 sweetness.

The brew swirls
in timeless motion
until the circle of
a bare cup stares back
its rim running
endlessly.

