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*Mahogany Root*

Awoken by a piercing light,  
shuffling on satin padding,  
a soft lullaby creeps  
from outside my cradle  
of maroon mahogany

A fair and slender figure  
draped in lace and onyx  
leans over me  
like decaying timber,  
and I hear her crack

Her voice breaks notes  
as she wails my way,  
crimson spiderwebs and  
overflowing midnight dew  
consume her crater eyes.

Do not mourn me long,  
Mother, for the ground  
will welcome me back  
tenderly and I shall be  
mahogany root once again.

*- Lea Gajinov*