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Erica Aitken

Sisyphus

Sisyphus should have seen her
pushing hard, shouting for life—
This Hispanic woman so young
so slick with sweat
blood on the sheets

Empuje!

Hands clenched, she lies there shivering.

Hours stretch
she cries
she shudders against her own boulder
straining against size
against the shoulder stuck
on the sidewall of her pelvis.

She's tiring, she knows

when she looks up
and the rhythm strip shows
how the late decels gain
leading us to so easily say

She needs a Caesarian.

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