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for Jamake Highwater

the sun has died
on her breasts
while in her eyes, somewhere

beyond the horizon, lurks
the origin of your life.
she is wed to this desert.

her hand holds a blade
of aloe, the knife
that heals

and her spine will bloom
just once for you
like yucca for the moon