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## The Plaza in San Martin

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*The Plaza in San Martin*

Think of a pear-shaped old man slowly  
crossing the square  
counting the bricks  
from church to cantina,  
his chin on his chest.

Think of a black haired girl  
curved over her baskets  
breasts brushing the straws  
just as you placed her  
round curve of nape, back, buttocks, thighs, knees.

Think of parrots in wicker cells  
screaming flashes of color  
that bleed through the air  
and flutter to the clay bricks.

And remember the heat waves  
rolling across the square  
in circles from the dry stone fountain  
in the plaza's center  
over bricks, over bowed heads  
over cathedral bells' roll.