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## *She*

There is a woman in the world  
who lives between places,  
the woman of the cleft  
in the sprouting bean.  
The moon tugs at  
her ebb and flow.  
She walks boundary lines  
to gather fern-tips for food,  
slips through kitchens  
to steal the flavor from bread,  
leave the loaves.  
Her skin does not touch  
its dress, that shifts with lighting,  
outside one color's hold.  
Unmanned, unchilded, she  
bears private seasons,  
saves her flesh for the cattails,  
the seashell breeze.

— *J.D. Smith*