

WOMAN IN TWO MOVEMENTS
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i. some lies about the woman

she is built eternal, she is mystic
stars trace her movements
fingertips strike dulcimer chords
her bitch hand will stay

her selflessness will buoy you
breast bone fragile
she is for you
she will protect you from your shame
you can see her if you try

ii. some truths about the woman

she is built eternal, she is mystic
stars trace her movements
fingertips strike dulcimer chords
her bitch hand will stay bleak fantasy

she stands sharp
in light hearted concrete walls
she will welcome you but
only those who look close
when they look close
see the city moving behind her eyes