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Goddess looking up, sowing mercy  
in the shadow she broadcasts like seed,  
left hand sifting the infinite satchel she wears  
at her hip, fingers praying each grain  
as she yields them to soil. On the valley's  
blank page, they punctuate  
the language of wind, shape its words  
into clauses the trees can understand.

As she sows, first light parts the mist, whispers  
her name. Right hand to cheek, she translates  
the matins' caress into the psaltery  
of her skin. Her body sings azure the tone  
of a mourning dove's elegy across the cosmos  
she upholds with her dreams.

(After J. Kirk Richards)

—Tyler Chadwick