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Sisyphus

Sisyphus should have seen her pushing hard, shouting for life—
This Hispanic woman so young so slick with sweat blood on the sheets

Empuje!
Hands clenched, she lies there shivering.

Hours stretch
she cries
she shudders against her own boulder straining against size
against the shoulder stuck on the sidewalk of her pelvis.

She’s tiring, she knows
when she looks up
and the rhythm strip shows
how the late decels gain leading us to so easily say

She needs a Caesarian.

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