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Red Polka Dot Dress

Jacklyn Bennett

hung
hanging
wrapped in plastic

it hung

and every time i would open the closet door
i would see it
hanging
bringing out every emotion
like a whirlwind

and the pictures in my mind
of her
wearing it

:the way her chest rose
:and fell with her every breath
:it seemed as though
:i was breathing along with her
:how her hips were perfectly defined
:and screamed for the lap of her child

and i would remember
that she was my touchstone



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and i
was her very being
replicated
::replicated::

but she
she wore that red dress
the hue that almost matched her lips
with the brightness
the enthusiasm like that which would shine
in her eyes

that red dress
with the white polka dots
that looked like holes to my young mind