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Sister, Sister

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Look Busy

Caroline Dillard

"At your five o'clock.
Wait, don't look now.
Okay now. See?
The dude next to the guy
in the red shirt."

"Shoot he's walking this way.
Look busy."

An unbidden hand extends.
"Care for a dance?"
He asks us both but
addresses her.

Above an accepting smile
wide eyes turn to me.
"Help me."

I face the intruder.
"I'd love to!"
Words he wants but
from the wrong girl.

I pull him onto the dance floor
away from her.
Her past two refusals
weren't enough so
my career continues
as her informal bodyguard.

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