

I Wanted to Hear Her

In my sleep,
She swept her dreams
Around me
With a broom,
Her eyes,
Two brown birds,
Her lips, a pond

I wanted to hear her,
Even her suffering
And what rose from her,
Like a furling
Of fireflies,
Was a song,
A harmony
She kept in key

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