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Sister Nomad

"I am not a nomad."

spoken by Semaj, 1997

Centaur, you gallop into town
running fast, searching spinning
mired in self-deception
Star-eyed you flee from port to port.

You rest in my cocoon
quiet, safe plotting a new course.

There is no true rest
for a sister nomad
carrying her home in a suitcase,
trailing blood in your wake.

My lap has been soaked with
your blood
your tears
your memories of multiple violations.

My legs are weary now
of your blood
your tears

your memories of abuse.
See your face clearly
your life is your own choosing.

Nomad sister
let down your anchor.
Heal yourself
look in your star-eye
for the peace
that escapes your frantic flight.

Efua Korantema