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Self Portrait in Shadow

Here is the shadow  
she is skirted and full like me  
see how her arms move to enfold the air,  
to hold light tight against her until she disappears.

This is her face  
it shades mirrors and windows  
but she cannot see herself there,  
guarded by the deep penumbra of hair.

This is her body  
she does not fit inside of it  
it grows small and shapeless  
pressed to the wall.

These are her fingers  
like the thin smile of the moon  
see how they curl around empty air  
how their curves unfold like water on sand.



## ABOUT CHLOE HANSON

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