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Lot's Wife Addresses Her Audience

The woman in the third row on the left,  
the one who wishes she had  
a white parasol or lived in a world  
where parasols were not out of place,

you are actually paying attention.  
You want to know why  
I looked back. I tripped.  
I caught a flash and thought

my wedding ring. I could picture  
my knitting,  
my frail peonies.

I had two daughters in front  
and two behind.  
That was my body  
hanging from the city wall.

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