

Beduins Can Find Their Mothers

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their mothers

there are signs
that only a son
can read

in the smallest portion
of the eyes
above the blackness

in the position
of even three rocks
on the slope at noon

there is a scent
of flowers that
were trampled and
bent

like the shadow of
a spine broken and
then reformed
that the Beduin
son can read

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