

The Woman Rabbi

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This is about an old Jewish lady
 Watching a young woman rabbi
 Pray in the synagogue
 Her body gently swaying
 Praising God
 This is about an old lady
 Who feels the song
 Moving within her
 Who hears the last plaintive note
 Of the shofar
 Calling to her
 On Yom Kippur
 An old lady
 Who sits in the synagogue
 Cursing
 Hashem, her God
 For not making women rabbis
 Sooner
 Cursing Adonai
 Who is everywhere in the universe
 In Her own language.

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