

In Response to seeing an African woman abba a dog on Facebook

Black woman
your back rented out
to carry pups, babies
while yours cry at home.

Black woman
a blanket around
ancient bones,
symbol of care.

In its folds you fail
to hide your shame
as the camera greets you.

Black woman
wrought to pain
picturesque
unyielding.

No one sees you
or know your born name.

Black woman
Will they finally see you
when your back is broken?

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