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## Close

we held hands,  
stuffed them full of secrets  
and grew tall —  
round as olives  
ripe as wheat  
filled with men.

we stretch a line  
thin as your lip,  
but tighter —  
sharing what we cannot tell the men,  
the sweeps of moon  
they cannot understand.

we hug  
we touch,  
foreheads fold together  
bound in lines much deeper,  
more painful,  
than sex.