

Between Flights

Between flights,
Two sisters share stories :

In Sarajevo,
a young woman
tells her tale
to the Tribunal.

Her mother ,
locked her out,
denied her protection.
Fending for herself
she walked the streets,
turned tricks.

She knows
how it is.
She tells the Tribunal
what it needs to know.

The Tribunal takes and takes,
thanks her, and turns away
her pleas for protection.

One woman
hears her tale.
Secures her protection.

She, who now relates
the woman's story,
a sister soul,
relates her tale :

She remembers
the night
her mother
locked her out,
denied her protection
the night before she was to leave
for overseas
for a journey
of no return,
no turning back
no back turned.

Standing alone
in the dark,
her pleas and cries unheard.

She knows
how it is.
She smiles,
secure in her
wisdom
of what is,
and she tells the tale:

A young woman
from Sarajevo
is secure.
Last night before she was to leave
for overseas
for a journey
of no return,
no turning back
no back turned,
two sisters shared their stories.

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