Wedding Night

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Covered

Wrapped in white

My mother

led me to the chuppa

That night



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the light

was switched off when we were alone

Five times he unwrapped me

That first night

Afterwards,

there was light outside

But inside

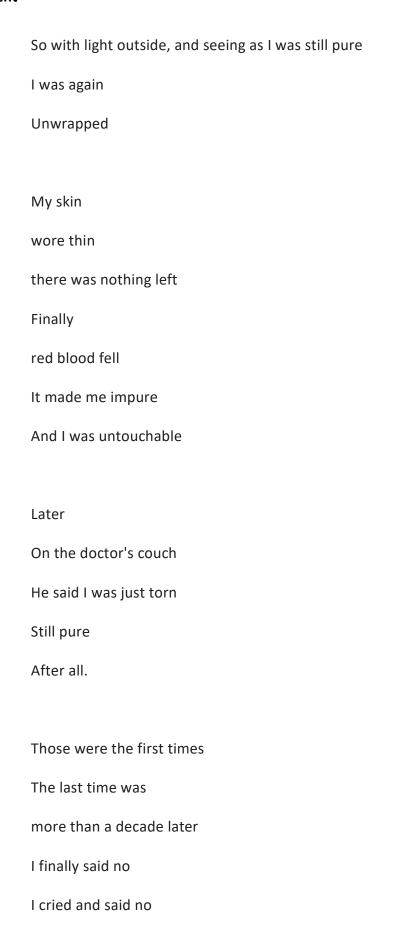
Like a toy with a broken spring

I was pushed down, again and again

I didn't bleed,

Someone else had done that to me

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Explanatory Note: In orthodox Judaism, menstrual bleeding renders a

woman 'impure', and means that sexual contact is forbidden. Some also

follow the 'tradition' of categorising a so-called virgin bride bleeding from

a ruptured hymen in the same way. Genital bleeding from any other injury

does not render a woman 'impure'.

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