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Woman from Genoa

(from *Dino Campana*)

You brought me a little seatangle
 in your hair, brought a quick tang of wind
 that runs out of a distance and arrives
 weighted with heat in your tan body
 oh the holy
 artlessness of your slender self
 not love, not a shudder of longing, some phantom,
 some shade of that necessity which wanders
 irrevocably and grave through the soul
 and fuses into joy, grave in poised incantation
 so that the yellow south wind may bear it away
 into the indefinite,
 how slight the world, how light it is, there, in
 your hands.

IAN FLETCHER