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Varnot: Eve Revisited

EVE REVISITED

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When they x-rayed her,
she was, again, the pared
white rib of Adam, moon-hung
below the cloud
flesh had become.

From the film, she could
have cut apart bones
to rearrange the ghostly
innards of the body.
She could reinvent herself.

It had been like this for years,
centuries: when he asked
her to outline her love for him,
she wanted to hand over
charts, strip

herself down to cells,
return amebic, docile, floating
until they joined
the dark
undone, un-begun.