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**PRAYING AT THE
HOUR OF THE OX**

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—After a print by Hokusai 1921

Say it is the second night
she nails a straw doll to the tall pine.

She is crowned with candles.
The mirror on her chest reflects his effigy.

Only the night wind vexes
her white gown, her blue sash.

Better for him her loose hair
were tangled on a pillow.