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after *The Old Ones of New Mexico*

by Robert Coles

They gave me a flag  
for one son. I gave it  
to the school.  
Another they brought home  
from a car crash.  
My husband wore his suit  
in the middle of the week.  
Three babies died *tambien*.

I have two left.  
They bring me things.  
The oldest brought this clock;  
I get it out when he comes.  
The refrigerator they got me.  
I cried so hard they didn't  
take my old stove.  
My son says to call ourselves Chicanos,  
he says to get a phone.  
I tell him a phone is like the wind,  
a voice without a face.

*Recito el rosario.*  
The mountains anchor me.  
The clouds rush by  
like the seasons,  
like my children.