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Backwardswalking
twoheaded
woman. Bony

feet down to
which I
bow but will not

be spared.
Stored pressings of
earth in its

red way sourced
in its own
embrace, all

the grudges of time.
All the gathered
ache of our

severed selves,
all the
windowless light.

And of the Beyond,
that the
witnesses lie

gratefully goes
without telling. That
the aberrant

earth, overrun
by birds and
unshod of all

image, greets a
manyfisted
sun. That the

backwardswalking
woman, taken
up thru the air by

the scruff of
her neck by
hoisted snakeskin

towropes, hurries back
down to be
one with us,

beginnings again
gone up
in smoke.