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Other Adventures of the Goddess

June's found a new editor for her footnotes.

Inside her chrysalis. Quiet March writ out her referendum.

Her imponderables held by April, entertaining an August curtain call.

This year snuggles on tight leggings. Tusk tusk. October pleats, tsk

tsk, sperm whales, antelope bone-corset; each vertebra moves without grief.

Patient the monkey's malachite eye in midmonocle.

Her cliff notes privately scroll through September.

To you my Audience: we advise you to wear a dawn-brimmed jam-pot hat adorned with a baby finger feather draping your

Two rooms ago, look for the thornbird couch, make

an am-

December.

bush. Throw thrown clay pots at the ancient milkman's hour.

Staff matchsticks under the overstuffed mattress of

July.

Accustomed to such a gusty grind, our date said:

Don't travel alone. Lament is no longer November.

Same time next year, frisky as a gray fox.

There are many tricks to pedal pushing. Terrible January mercurial.

Then gently find me: clad in black flats. Gavotte the

climax.

It's happened before at four a.m. raincoats
February's mackintosh.
Our hangover without rainbow is blackened

shiner.

May's been framed.

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