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Claudia

Claudia is the star of my desire.

Claudia is the light of my heartbeat.

Claudia set my heart afire.

Claudia rang the doorbell of my heart.

Claudia was walking quietly through the forest.

Claudia ran through the naked woods.

The sun set Claudia's eyes on fire.

The wonder of Claudia's beauty sings.

Claudia peeled an orange as it rolled.

She sang in three blue rooms. My heart pounds softly for Claudia.

Her face was devoid of anger. Her breasts were like soft desert sands.

As Claudia lay down the rain surrounded her.

Claudia is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen.
Her legs were shapely clouds.

A robin called to Claudia. She held two dozen roses in her lovely hands.

The bell ringer spoke to Claudia.

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The wilderness was opening.

Claudia heard the wind howling in the trees.

The bell ringer drew water from the well.

The water had bubbled from a spring.

The spring flowed from the mountains.

Claudia held a golden fork.
Roses sprouted from the fork.
She chose one of two roads.
The road ran past her window.
There were three blue pebbles in the road.

Claudia's friends came to see her roses.

Along with her beauty came problems.

She took long walks through the town.

She wore a locket around her neck.

It contained pictures of her parents.

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