

“The Portrait”

A Poem by *Mary Margaret Park*

bare

she stretches out
inviting his artistic expression
her figure
sketching an impression
upon the cotton sheet

his charcoal colored eyes
linger
with detailed wonder
drinking in each curve and nuance of her outline

in folded silhouette
he traces her portrait with eager hands
unsure of where to begin
so many places to draw from
each one
inviting his depiction

he illustrates
her soft arcs
with bold strokes
as he begins to render her image
and wonders
at the adventure of its completion

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