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My Hair

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I could get a wig,
and look like Orthodox Jewish women
who think they are so glamorous
wearing someone else's hair.
If God really wanted women to cover their heads,
so men wouldn't lose control
he'd command them
to tuck their wayward strands
under a simple kerchief,
not beneath an expensive *sheitel*
to make you look like Farrah Fawcett.

I thought the whole idea was modesty.
I know I still have good legs,
but at eighty with or without hair,
not many men, except for your father,
would get excited seeing me
creeping down the street.

Bald from chemo,
I would gain a few months,
perhaps a year.
I prefer to die with hair.