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Born with regulations
No exceptions, women—men
But several prohibitions
Are only women's responsibility
Responsibilities for obscurity
Which seems to be tangible
Seems to be audible
Visible ... but not

One cannot see the high wall
Yet can feel its mass and weight, its broadness
That confines, presses on one's shoulder, to bear for one's entire life

Walk around, following a predestined path
Unable to break through another world
Even though it is actually the same world

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