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*Tenia la musica por dentro.*

Talking about the kind of man  
my father was, my mother grows  
silent, perhaps recalling  
how it felt to pull off his shirt  
and find a line of eighth notes rising  
from a treble clef tangle of hair.

I know I've grown with the same hair  
across my body, around words rising  
in silence, know he'd give his shirt  
to help, but didn't know his calling:  
that like a seashell hardens and grows  
to hold the sea, so could a man  
call to a woman from something inside.