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that never dropped a feather  
 to shelter someone's dream,  
 are the ones now fluttering  
 in the solemn moment of evening,  
 in the egoism of night,  
 upon the ultimate silence, fluttering  
 against the profile of a dead child.

ESPERANZA FIGUEROA  
 (English version by Lloyd Mallan.)

### NUDE WOMAN

It snowed all night  
 on your body's garden;  
 but still there were roses  
 and open buds.

From the tree's furthest bough  
 soft slender blossoms  
 fall like golden rain  
 across the firm whiteness of stalks.

Violets  
 lie concealed  
 in the grass of your eyelashes,  
 deep and passionate.

Two roses lie  
 in restless sleep  
 on the indifferent magnolias  
 of your breasts.

And more gold  
 in those thighs  
 to paint with sunlight the silk  
 of mosses.

And your feet and hands,  
 roots great and small,  
 go deep into earth,  
 tremulous with love and gardens.

ENRIQUE GONZALEZ ROJO  
 From *Espacio*. (English version by Joseph Leonard Grucci.)