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### Sister, Sister

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**Look Busy**

Caroline Dillard

"At your five o'clock.  
Wait, don't look now.  
Okay now. See?  
The dude next to the guy  
in the red shirt."

"Shoot he's walking this way.  
Look busy."

An unbidden hand extends.  
"Care for a dance?"  
He asks us both but  
addresses her.

Above an accepting smile  
wide eyes turn to me.  
"Help me."

I face the intruder.  
"I'd love to!"  
Words he wants but  
from the wrong girl.

I pull him onto the dance floor  
away from her.  
Her past two refusals  
weren't enough so  
my career continues  
as her informal bodyguard.

**Sister, Sister** Emily A. Angrisano