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## **Blue Falsetto**

*after Frank Stanford's "Blue Yodel of Her Feet"*

M. E. Riley

*Vassar Miller Poetry Award Winner*

You won't look me in the face I'm a hound that's killed  
things we once loved so you look

my feet paled from winter paws  
roughened by gravel stiff branches they

hardly hold the weight of my body cold  
statue you admire

Your waist is a place your chest gives ground  
sandbar by river hums a summer song

I wish I could keep you barefoot and dance  
lightly around young plants bearing in dry soil

Too much to raise your eyes across the rest of me  
you look at my feet yours walked

over spring ground where you found me  
cover same terrain when you leave