

The Hero Woman

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When the days drag on like TV reruns,
The Hero Woman comes.
She walks in with long strides from the hips.
She keeps her eyes on the horizon.
The job needs doing, she can handle it.
Her life is like a movie script.
She has secrets.
She does the unexpected.
He watches her from the edges of his eyes.
“What’s got into you?” he says.
She smiles and shrugs and
keeps her mouth shut.