



WEDDING SONGS

1.

*On the first morning of our marriage
You gave me raspberries in a white bowl.
Later we stood barefoot on cold sand
And let seafoam wash about our ankles.*

2.

*We lay down among flowers,
The grass sweet and wet,
Your dress wet.
Horses came near under blue sky,
Treading down the sweet grass,
And your dress was yellow among the flowers.*

3.

*I come with gifts of milk and wine,
Silver shoes, and a bough of cherries,
And enter your garden of roses.*

4.

*The whiteness of foam,
The smell of morning rain;
And as we walked on the sand,
My fingertips touched your sleeve.*

5.

*Through the parted veil I sought your hand,
And later the forked flame of your thighs.
Sarai's limbs in Abram's tent
Could not have burned more bright.*

—Colin Douglas