



THE MESSENGER

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she colors vivid,
presses light from
darkness

summoning truth and stars
on tongue,
fire—strident mosaic casts off counterfeit,
(the burnt or awry hollows).
drawing weight from silence,
gravity to stir shift and rise.

lionheart soul emits blaze
burning light, candor summoning depth,
countenance piercing heart or the other way
around.

she calls up and forward,
challenging armies, challenging the hidden
to uncover their faces.

flex and align bent strand of spirit,
her mouth assembling glint of sun.
she dares to move the veil, and
in doing so,
pulls heaven to earth.