

## Joseph's Return

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The countless stars at sunset are contending the sky, lights that meticulously teach you the night.

An even-paced donkey, your companion as you return, scans the distance as the day dies.

Before your eyes, the desert, a sea of sawdust, tiny fragments of nature's fatigue. Men of sand have assassins' profiles, locked in the silences of prison with no boundaries.

The smell of Jerusalem, your hand caresses the lines of a thin doll, carved out of wood. "You'll dress her up, Mary, you'll play again like you did when you were a little girl".

And she flew into your arms like a swallow, and her fingers like tears, from your eyebrow to the throat, would suggest to this face, once ignored, the tenderness of a smile, an almost begged affection.

And the amazement in your eyes rose up from your hands that, empty around her shoulders, filled up at her hips with the precise shape of a recent life, of that secret that is revealed when the belly leavens.

And to you, who would search the reason of a deceit unexpressed by her face, she offered the restless memory among the remains of a gathered dream.



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