

The Bridge 2009 – *Honorable Mention*

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The Transitive Property of Hunger

Through the hot callous dust
of noisy Tijuana
we saw her up ahead of us
in a sun-baked doorway
baby on hip,
bitter impatience in
her eye
Hand Out
as we approached
I gave a bit
of what was
needed
With that, she turned and
carried baby
and humility
around the corner
A few doorways,
corners later,
out came the same hand
down cast the eyes
as the baby stared blankly out
into a future with
and without food
and my stomach
tightened