Poem

Arachnoid Mater

unforgettable but

beyond recollection

a single sanguine sample

declares its delinquency

dolor rubor

the fulmination inside her head

crimson crawling along her silken web

wracking nerves

a family waits, wonders, and bargains

inside, strangers purport to understand

humans and their humours they hope

anatomy, capricious as it is, will now

permit them entry

anaesthesia standing by, Neith reminds them yet again

a moment astray and the web is unwound

they bate their breaths so that she may breathe

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