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*Cassandra Carter*

they call me  
two spirited

a woman's soul  
must too dance  
within me

a woman's soul,  
cool, must ache  
to dance among  
the bright fire  
souls of men

years ago  
duality was  
an honor

but i feel  
no chill, no  
ache, just fire  
desire hungry  
for desire

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