

Woman in a Dark-Flowered Dress
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Busy traffic-clogged road,
idling in my car I watch her
older woman in a dark-flowered dress
following her husband pushing a grocery cart
she sways as she walks, one hand on hip
grey-streaked black hair
pulled back in a bun
dress on solid form moving
around her solid legs, conjuring
her as a younger woman, in Italy?
Croatia? Czechoslovakia? Spain?
a romance country where
when she walked down the street
all the men followed