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NOMAD

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She has learned to call home
convenient spots where
a cloth can be laid
abody can stretch out.....
home.

She has come to call a kitchen
any pile that can ignite
and sear a chance bird
or greens offered by kindness..
a meal.

She has come to know water
by urine smells and
snakes, mosquitoes and
call it god's blessings.

She has come to call a
distant being a god
because there are no icons
dependable on two feet.

She has walked because
space did not permit sitting
and to crawl would have been
sinfull since ther are no
rituals a nomad is obliged
to honour.