

The Referee

she comes bruised
from her game
a dark shadow
in the late night
needing to sleep

scores jumbled
sticks and lines
tangled with limbs

she sleeps
dreams dekes
slap shots blue lines
wakes to a new game

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