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Purple Dress with Flowers

I was found hanging
in a corner of a thrift shop,
a purple dress with flowers
made of choicest silk,
bought new by a poor man
for a month's wages
as a gift to his elegant wife
who wore me with pride
until exchanged for a funeral shroud.

You, my new owner, see me as still fresh from the Orient despite a few threadbare spots any tailor can hide and featuring fine needlework no one does anymore.

I am a perfect fit for you, caressing
your shoulders, tapered to the waist,
worn once more by a fashionista
to please a man she loves.
How thrilling for me to mold myself
to your body as all the mirrors
around you whisper
yes!

-Saul Zachary New York, NY