

## **Gloria Mindock – Three Poems**

### **Pedro**

I stabbed his heart  
    through his ear  
like a mysterious purring cat  
This is the consequence  
you face Pedro for spitting  
    like a camel  
Disgusting!  
Which way do I wander?  
Blood on my hands, clothes, hair, and face...  
I know very well my ruthless side  
Me, a passionate girl  
escaping in your dark water

### **Gunfire**

In the distance, gunfire.  
A little girl, age 10, sat in the  
middle of rubble.  
Raped, she didn't understand the  
death on her lips.  
So much loss, pain, fear, hurt, and loneliness  
in the ashes.  
Years later, she was plucked out of a  
life of volcanoes, where she was no longer broken,  
playing with other children without troubled air.  
A man rescued her and gave her  
help in a refugee camp.  
When transported to a new country, the Angels sang,  
the world rejoiced, and one more was saved.  
One less surrounded by dark colored roses,  
chills in the air and scars left on the face.

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See clearly.  
Fate is content.  
Everyone is changing.  
Breath gone, patterns of air.  
Arrival of impulse.  
Surged clasps stretched.

Repulsed reasons with possessed  
hints of dreary hours.  
Deserved hearts, bright.  
Stand incisively because gazes speak  
but despair claws you into  
bitter destiny.

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