

Dina Yehuda

Sarah

“ I will be built up through her”

the plan was that Hagar would be my surrogate
and Ishmael, my son
and God heard my voice
but not only mine
He heard Hagar 's in the storm
and Ishmael's cry
like a harsh laugh
against the stars
I thought I could live through them
but they have built their dreams upon me
I thought I would cradle him
but he has his mother's wild desert eyes
we must banish them I said to Abraham
and there it began.

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