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I can remember the Samba,
the Mambo, and the Cumbia—
the swish-swish of mama's tan and orange skirt.
Of trying to match the movement of her calves while
resting my head lightly against her calloused knees;
Dancing Samba with mama's knees,
dancing Mambo and smelling the breath of dirty feet,
dancing Cumbia with mama
and her eternity.