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Text/ile II

*Mary responded,
“I will teach you about what is hidden from you.” And she began to speak these words to them.
—The Gospel of Mary, 6:3–4*

dear mary metonym of mine to
mind *mary *mari *mare *mere
Magdalene or mother not as
Abuelita dreams of you holy
beloved symbol of self-sacrifice
not submissive *as the cult of
the virgin* does not belong to me
having queered mother mary i

narrate beyond disciples trans-
migrating into being mary *y maría
magdalena y mujer* altogether
to become marion apparition
or *reina de mexico* facing
sangro de cristo mountains
mononymous with mary's sin
imagine the narrator trans

elations steeped in politics in each
interpretation meaning whorish or
humiliated sinner or sorrow/er
archetypal womxn revisioned
something mythic as sound
dissolving into *las canciones
que dije llorar como magdalena*
luminously written *first apostle*