

FAWM 2024 – Sherwood Anderson’s “The Egg”

3 **troubled grey eyes**

... as I lay beside her—in the days of her lying-in—she may have dreamed that I would some day rule men and cities... She was a tall silent woman with a long nose and troubled grey eyes.

**the first face i remember
from the long-gone days of my youth
strong will and even temper
god-given keeper of the truth
our steady light through the darkness
is what she'd symbolize
that tall silent woman
with the troubled grey eyes**

**the days were never easy
those days so long ago
all the good we spoke of
always on the way tomorrow
always more weight to carry
always a couple more miles
always a firm determination
not often many smiles**

**now the memories are far behind us
and the hard times come again no more
now there's peace and firm resignation
in the face that was always there before
always the strength i remember
never a surprise
looking at the face of my mother
with the troubled grey eyes**