

## Sweeping

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## *Sweeping*

I read the books  
I saw the looks  
I stooped to the downward

of Canada's eye

cast in lead  
cast in red

But inside my head  
I burst with dreams  
In my belly  
I roared  
In my throat  
I chanted  
In the wombs of my mind  
I made love  
with words and earth.

In the beginning was the word  
and the new story  
was the earth  
and the new earth  
was image nation.

With sweetgrass I  
up  
swept wards  
the down  
with sage  
swallowed  
lids  
the leaded eye

*Emma LaRocque*