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Why Does He Hate Miro

Father from the gypsy caves above Triana
Mother from the coffee hills of Puerto Rico
 the five-year-old looks up at me
 with eyes too dark for pupils
To bloom Spanish pride
I point to a painting by Miro
 Dark deep he looks into the splashing gold
My Father hates that
 Hates Miro Why
 Why does he hate Miro
My Father hates everything beautiful
 Why why everything beautiful
Because he has to work so hard