

WOMEN'S COLLEGE REUNION

We talk about our aging parents —
arthritis, osteoporosis, knee replacements,
stroke, and Parkinson's.

I imagine our children —
carried by us into this world —
carrying the weight of our aging bodies,
burdened by their dead grandparents,
generations carrying generations
shrouded in veils of our former selves.

— *Miriam Manglani*