

Sometime in the thirteenth century
a tax collector asked a dayworker
where were his people from, the man pointed
to a high mountain just outside of town
Or something else arbitrary like this
The origins of a family name
passed down by many generations
to uphold patriarchal structures
Control property through lineage
Become Mrs. Husband's First and Last Name
Her name, gone. Now a security question
So obscure, who she was is a secret

What name will you take? What name will you keep?
Who are you in relation to these men?

My Father's Name
is not Katherine Montalto



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