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SHAWL

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Women who renounce shawl often face
condemnation of so-called cultural police

Attracting attention is not their purpose
It's a decision taken out of convenience

Draping feels like confined by restraints
Adjusting constantly causes annoyance

If vigilance is devoted to covering body
how can she pay attention to perform duty

Do not point accusatory finger at her
for your inability to curb carnal desire

Expect her not to strain for your deficiency
Hassle her not to abide by rules of patriarchy

Preach her not to dress as per your standard
Teach your eyes to ignore her body instead



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