

Female Journalist Killed in Syria

How many at this moment are taking a risk

unwinding the silver thread of witness
into consequence,
one or more
irrevocable acts?

The same thread has such potential:
a strand in the sash for peace,
a tripwire, chain, or noose.

At this moment

grazed by a stray bullet
another woman seems silent.
Silver, though, is harder than gold
and risk is her weapon of choice.

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