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She'd pull a blanket over her head. She'd say:  
Although I see buds on branches, spring will not  
come again. Sometimes she didn't have enough strength  
even to answer the phone. I'd wait outside the door, she  
wouldn't open. We'd sit in silence – she on one side, I on  
the other – waiting for something to happen. And it did  
happen: spring, in spite of everything, was coming again.  
She gathered the remaining strength, slowly picked up  
the paintbrush, and began looking for me on the canvas.

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