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COLONIZATION

Indian women
were given
or gave themselves
(rape)
reproduced
(birth)
cared for children; and,
when they could,
worked to produce
wealth
for Spaniards under rules
(colonization)
dictated by Spaniards (men).

Spaniards
satisfied their needs;
they accumulated
wealth
and passed it on
to their white children (men).

Thus
Spaniards left their mark
on the faces, bodies,
names
of the children
(colonization)
and on the backs and bodies
of the women
whose earth brown faces
will never disappear.

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