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night's gritty breath a sky I can't find

a worn-out void rippling in my chest

in the eye a mountain cloud uncoiling a tail

absent spring roped sunrays in braids

where wildness hurts the tangled sedge

wheatgrass all that winds need to be

groaning oaks the shift to a mirage

contrails filling in for distressed comets

a ruckus of slimy verbs ageing the well

fly traps sentences dismantled day in and the next



a loosened chignon dawn snaking in mulch beds

children's dappled heads the undulating flagstones

where creation begins and ends onion scales

all seeds of grief unlabeled

mid-orbit a daisy chain snaps into screams

over cratered ill will a wordstorm booms

zenith haze eye-dust swarm chokes the rain

stench from sighs rotting piths to mull over

the brittle solstice a thickened stillness

a birthing breeze splinters

shirred waves from shadows to abstracts of fear

no other soul released for logos implant



unbecoming is the moon because of bruises?

un-sowed seeds a thorny foot trail

winged rumors drowning in geyser waves

a swish swash of alien tides weary the sea

measured pain the sphere contracting

bared to slivered flames off a concave I teeter

in the ears of me not me taunting

if a sun from limbo descends to stay would I wear it?



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