

How did you come  
to be

Here

on this land?

What do you understand  
your responsibilities to be,

in being

Here

in this timeline?

What embodied wisdom  
do you carry

from your lineages,  
that might offer us hope,

in these times?

How do you

know a place?

Through story,  
or soil,

we carry places,

Intimacies with land,

Language

memory

What are you carrying?  
What are we carrying?

Can we put it down?

What happens  
when we put it down?

down

down

Let it land

land  
land

What happens

in the body

when we

land

Attune with Fir  
Maple Aspen Pine

Breathe birch's softness into

muscle

soften

get heavy

open

White pine in wind,  
invites the possibility of movement, when

movement feels impossible

Bending,  
bowing  
softening like

needles in wind,

whispering

lullabies for each fallen angel,  
each martyr

Like queen anne's lace, bowing  
and bending  
at the side of the road

Like the sun's warmth  
through Poppy petals

A practice in  
bending

to the earth

When we,

LANDBACK

A return

This will not begin with me

This will not end with me.

We are called into collectivity

The space in between

what was and what

is now

“Solidarity must be a moving from  
expressing to practicing”

Fred Moten

What are we grieving?

What are the rips

that cannot be  
unripped

the rips

that cannot be  
unripped

GRIEVING < perseverance > WISDOM

GENERATION

Tare

Tear

Tears

Years

Ears

FAMILY

Lines

Lives

I'ves

Haves

Lost

Losses

EXPERIENCE

Wept

Swept

Slept

Sweet

Delete

Dreamt

SIGHTS

Shined

Pined

Blind

Blood

Bloom

Poetry

is not enough, and yet,  
Sometimes it is the only thing

Tare

Tare  
Tear

Tear  
Rip

Rip

In the shadow of missiles,

Bones     baking     in     the     sun

Hunger beyond imagining

How can you believe in God?

believe in God?

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"Hope is a discipline not an emotion or a sense of optimism"

Mariame Kaba

In our speechlessness,

and in our wailing

In our ripped clothes, and

in our raw skin

In our deepest ruin

May we have the strength to remember,

that breaking waves do not compromise

the ocean

That this ruin

is a practice

of communion

Water as witness

Sky as witness

Land as witness

Heart as witness

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deep

soft

bursting

breath

remember  
give into it all— the grief that is

but you are still  
here, it whispers  
a reminder of  
love resistance

four hundred eighty days, and counting—  
Palestinian resistance

unwavering صمود (sumuud)

we move again, still  
remembering

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we move again, still  
remembering

Water

finds

their way

Like water,

you too  
will find your way

Face deluge

with dignity

rise

i

miss our sun,

our figs,  
persimmons,  
pomegranates

ruby red

mulberries

watermelon

انجير

انار

توت

dates

mulberries

watermelons

هندوانه

mangoes

raspberries and  
strawberries

आम

आम

आम

mango

guava

Jaboticaba

blood oranges

café do pé

Goiaba

where we come from

we share everything

what if the wind could enter you

curl

around

muscles

wash over

through you

Lift

and

carry

whatever

weight

you have

been carrying

A release

rest

brief reprieve

A fugitive

wind cannot be caught

It transgresses

private  
property

exists

beyond borders

How can we be like wind?

Flutter

swell

sway

Gust & gale

storm

Destructive force, making way

for other ways

Rest

Resist

Rest

Protest

Rest

Cook for someone you love

Run them a bath

nourish

Hold hands against barricades

Against rising tides

Sing together

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On translation

Farsi

انجیر Fig  
نار pomegranate

توت Mulberry

هندوانه watermelon

Hindi & Punjabi

आम Mango  
आम Sapodilla  
आम Papaya

Brazillian

Jaboticaba  
café do pé  
Goiaba