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“All literature is protest.”

— Richard Wright

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art is the answer the doorbell please don't entertain the question

the becoming shape abstractly expressed planet

waning moon ghost of bluebells past

page seeds chanting a way out

seesaw Jungian shadows take out the trash



you say ayahuasca I say Tarkovsky

breakthrough moon

somewhere on the princess continuum an explosion

green ink mountain lake where the dream healing is

hooded valley carving the beginning sound

magnetic west getting into the ritual



out of thin urban projection crossfire an old heteronym

alive as if in your future rainy season dream patient trees

the afternoon in crisis another round of *memento mori*

summer solstice the gallery installation stares back

around bone charcoal words open stars cluster



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