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*vegno del loco ove tornar disio;
amor mi mosse, che mi fa parlare*

Dante, *Inferno*, Canto II

*Iles cicatrices des eaux
Iles évidences de blessures
Iles miettes
Iles informes*

Iles mauvais papier déchiré sur les eaux

Aimé Césaire, *Châtier d'un retour au pays natal*

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AA, Poeta

Xicano: cantador, namer.

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I: Red Net

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de estar

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star still astare

in the dark spark

of his eye

en su red

strands

extended

still

con lengua y llama

red to sable

incandescent

sands

cinders

burning still

plumes

in the breeze

see

the still sea

below

still there

da

gibt es

low

sí

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II. Colibri

Sea breeze speak low through
the dun grasses of Pescadero
dry grasses on the slope
rustling over Pescadero

(death was a foreign language
no-one's tongue got around it:

dental caliper clenched round
your thickening tongue, glottal
stopped

measure

and beat

stopped

too soon

angry

burr

descends

out of nothing

dry lightning

flash

viridescent breast

to the stem

liquid language fills
your throat, calyx
raised
to the bird's thrum, this
greeny bird
swells
in your upturned mouth

measure and beat
of the wing
this unforgetting
salt breezes speak
low through the rustling grasses
over Pescadero
music of
grasses and breeze
Trust your unmuted arms
palms spread
into an offshore wind
taking flight
over this new arena

white sand
blown
over dark sand

down low below
Pescadero

lift the amaryllis' throat
to the hummingbird
its uncoiled tongue
blooms
liquid
in your dry mouth

vibrant
in the salty grasses
over Pescadero
this song
the breeze's tang

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