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CONFIRMATION BIAS

at least in our waking life
most commemoration
doubles as force
since even
the most benign
zodiacal conceptions
are tinged eurocentric
when brown women die
who is specifically responsible
for the eroticization
of our deaths?
this is not a walking
meditation
not an endorsement
of escape
survivalism
or even
getting to the source
with eyes closed
involve yourself
with the idea
remember
that you once watched
someone you love
try to light their cigarette
with a usb stick
and did nothing
to intervene
following this memory
you’ve learned to triple check
fire sources and their
adjacent damage
if you set an object on fire in the poem
the poem rewards you by becoming deep
if you set yourself on fire in the poem
the poem rewards you for becoming the light
when you become the light
the poem says

ok
good job
you’ve become
the light