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IMAGINE THIRSTING AND OTHER POEMS

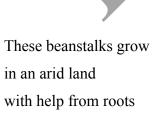
By Scott Thomas Outlar

Just because a cup is overflowing doesn't mean the well from which it's drawn will spring eternal

These clouds above in a blistered sky lead me to beg and groan for God because I can see us scrambling back to Eden as new shapes take form edging the path toward heaven

This spell of sweat will wipe my brow and wash the eye where dreams alight to spill their signs of vision upon the soil

that seek no fame



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because their fortune comes from work that's done behind the scenes when no one else is watching

Just because there's magic in every moment doesn't mean the miracle that creates the blessing should be taken for granted

TRICKY EVOLUTION

We never know
what tomorrow might bring
for such future hours
are not yet written in blood
so I'll keep burning ink
from day to day
until the desert candle
has its way
melting bones unto ash

Fluffy clouds
appear as islands
near the sun
and I wish I could fly
into the comfort
of their open arms
but ancient aspects

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of my reptilian brain
have not quite
developed wings
so I'll keep dancing
in the fires
here on earth
straining this smile
until the end
for all it's worth



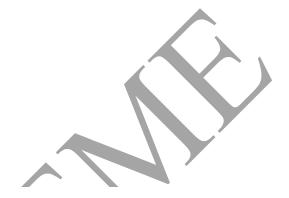
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BETTER KEPT IN WANTING

The distance across a kitchen counter can feel like a million miles

Our souls felt closer back when our bodies had not yet met



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