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I am learning to mourn
All the parts that lay hidden
In the whirlwind of my heart,
Parts that were
Too sharp to leave
Too alive for a dead world.

I am leaving these parts
By the shores of seas
And lands that remember my scent,
I’m stretching until it feels
Like a death, like a sacrifice.

May I be born anew
In the crevices of my laughter
In the salt of my tears
At the folding of my soul.

May I know myself.

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