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i.

i banished with a magical sword,  
and it disappeared. his right arm was  
paralyzed for the rest of the night.

ii.

windstorm continued,  
invoked twice  
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i turned to him and said, "it is done."

the feeling of tension and unease continued for four days.

invoked twice.

a heavy windstorm.

iii.

my vessel must be perfect.

keep silence. there shall be ordeals.

invoke long, to music indicated.

(this i kept secret.)

iv.

a plate of food, unsalted.

showed signs of exhaustion.

he rested a while. i opened the door

and cursed him.

i am willing.

i succumbed to a black mood.

v.

i await you in the city of the pyramids.

for you nothing is more magical.

life, under all circumstances.



*animal thorns:*

*i'm thorns. i'm teeth jutting through rough-of-mouth.*

*"Animals are multicellular,  
the biological kingdom.*

*Animals consume, breathe, grow  
from a hollow sphere  
& have complex interactions."*





**delight!**

*bone language, bone heart  
on white paper with marker.  
the hope of ages past this one.*

*the freaks come out at night  
and stamp their happy magic  
into baby cradles.*

*warm milk.  
salt lick after horses.  
frogs and stars croaking  
outside shut windows.*

*changeling  
autistic  
will o' wisps.  
giddy flames  
in homeschool.*

*the dark is the dawn  
and it's coming,  
pen in hand.*

the heart bruises i got after were too soft and blue.

alone, i faced your dad's house.  
your window waved with open palms  
at the street and shed its screen  
like the skin of an embarrassed orange:  
in three soft pulls.

you saw sidewalk parades from a hole  
dug by a thumb into overripe fruit.  
i, a fly, fluttered as request. pull me in.

"the world out here is too made of meat,"  
i say to the silence on your seedless bed.

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