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poem

a wash of colors
awash with color
I worship
I drink brown coffee
brown below blue
I dance toward the toaster
and strangely enough
I don't think of you as in Africa
but out of blackness
and below blue
a pale memory cries
from years
I will let fall through blacknesses
see me singing with the brown
coffee outside the blue washes
me clean who
dares not think this could’ve been you

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