Blue Coffee

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**Blue coffee**

*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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