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# And Still

and oranges fall from trees  
and leaves roll rolling  
dry across pavement  
cracked forced  
by unseen forces or  
not beyond the boundaries  
blurry and blurring

but painted blues and  
greys and yellows  
offer no substitute

and must we continue so?  
and still there is no green //

crisp leaves roll rolling  
sky clouds (boundaries fuzzy  
sky to white)

and not white grey  
grey leaves

we cannot contain  
nor command  
the ceasing of catastrophes

and distant blue is  
not blue but small

and those small betrayals  
trifling inconveniences  
still stuffed in your pockets  
rise yet distract  
and do not fade but reflect

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and do not attempt  
our white palms flashing  
fingers wrapped  
in rings, concerned  
beyond rolling clouds

cornered across the span  
cornered in bends

here the river beds are horizontal  
and dizzying steep  
the orange of evening  
wraps forcefully

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