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“ESTA LA AVE EN EL AIRE SOSIEGO . . .”

—*Quevedo*

The bird is at peace in the air,
in the water the fish . . .

the clock in the mouth
of the shelf, the silent cornstalks
like drawings of cornstalks
that descend in the evening like a subtle movie.

Nothing expires except the light like a spoon
that falls onto the dish of evening nouns:
the tree root's forearm
muscling under the pavement,
the salamander in the deep fire of the shadow . . .