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## ***MUTABLE SIGNS***

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When all is said and done,  
I want to meet you here;  
where the smoke of last winter's fires  
curl like histories into the atmosphere.  
Where the horizon stands waiting  
to meet the dawn, as if caressing  
the body of these mountains  
before beginning her day.

We've exhausted all horoscope bed tales.  
The ones that say things like:  
"you will find love this year"  
or "people will like you better  
if you're willing to learn from them."  
Perhaps "You've misread the stars again."  
We've spent countless raising suns in Venus  
waiting for them to tell us that we're all alright.

I used to lay awake with your breathing  
seeping through dreams like déjà vu.

The charts never foretold this affair  
in the dark with your soul. I could never  
tell if I was reliving your presence.  
How many times have we walked this galaxy,  
before the stars grew weary of footfall  
and shook themselves  
into dust at our doorsteps?