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POETRY

I AM

Nonso Obieyisi

Some may say I possess a cherubic nature.
Others may say I am a cutthroat man.
Regardless of opinions, it matters not what I am.
For I am a moment in time; not fixed, but existing in the now.
I am everything and nothing all at once.
Needed, but not essential; as time will go on whether I am alive and kicking, or ashes on wind.
Even memories will begin to wane:
“Was his birthmark on the left or right eye? How deep were his dimples when he smiled?
That man preferred an afro to a fade, didn’t he? Rest his soul.”
Slowly forgotten, but never erased.

So, whom but me is to say what I am?
Call me Wind-Cleaver, for I run strides where the universe leads.
Call me Brave, for even afraid, I face every obstacle in my path.
Call me Achilles, because for all my strength, a weakness lies within.
Call me by my name.
For I am powerful.
I am great.
I am all I can be.
I.
AM.