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*a position*

their closure began      with beginnings  
an opening      lying supine  
the table somewhat      incomplete  
how      the disaster did not  
carry its weight      away how the light  
sought itself      moving against every  
position      the hole swallowed  
a boundary      of small stars      strung  
along a beach      the wind severed

its persistence      a tide receding  
a direction linking  
placement      with intention  
a shimmering      non-entity      a cloud  
where they moved      into futures of  
grief      a ground hollowed  
out      a foundation      which damaged  
a mouth caught      in its flickering

an elevation      clearing      into song  
one dreamed      waking a blankness  
without morning      the edges of  
sound      coming apart      outlines  
shorelines      in mist lifting  
away promises      impelled always  
the use      of force      the resistance  
it fed      upon      a space filled with  
no earth      its earth      without sky