

## Prayer for Rain

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These are dry days.  
I stop to breathe  
as if the wall of heat  
must be coaxed aside  
to let air enter, leave.

We edge crab-wise  
around a baobab's root  
begging its spirits for relief  
but they do not dare risk  
even one green shoot.

Tonight rain finally drains  
to earth as the red sky fades.  
May it douse the flames,  
May it draw off bitterness,  
May it rust blades.

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