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Trapped in amber We melt like candle wax Into a cool stream That permeates walls into becoming Like a cloud that defies description There can be no inscription You lack the diction Flow of the motion Like birds in the sky Or fish in the ocean There is no repeat or return We are a wild fire that burns and burns Call me the river or wind Can you find roots that begin? The presupposition of a present to enframe But it all slips away The false dichotomy of life and decay It all changes and breaks Like a forest in flames to make way for the seed The present springs forth

Like blood gushing as we bleed The red flow from the heart to the ground A new spatial field Whose lines escape cartography in the details The colour of the amber pervaides the sight The melting, a reminder of being alive Take the blood from another with the edge of a knife If a tree would bleed you clean water to drink to quench your first you'd drink it In caves, with still quiet pools, you wouldn't think it But there no fountains atop mountains And you're licking droplets off the rock walls In a place devoid of scent The absence it consumes all You're all the children of Abraham Laid out as sacrificial lambs In your Faustian bargains Trading on the market floor Get out of my sunlight Your shadows draw the lines Inscribing a map behind The presence of dimensions in shape and time The ending isn't traumatic or static It's just death The transience of our flow through breath Another becoming Now let the sun in