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THREE POEMS
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MIGRATION

trains remind me of the 20's
 30's
 top hats
 dresses
 eyes peering from the caboose
 "all aboard" carving out its space amidst other sounds;
 flirting
 dreaming,
 each there
 seeking or fleeing
 taste-buds itching for destiny
 a great migration
 west
 north
 storm clouds would follow.



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VOICES

salty dirt roads holler out caution
 abandoned homes beg to keep out
 chains, fences to keep in

I grew up there
 South Carolina
 the prettiest town in Dixie

in Dixie, bare foot
 picking fallen pecans
 hop scotch in the street

something back then spoke to me told me
 to run
 I followed the whispers
 without hearing any sound.



FREEDOM

smoke cuffed between two fingers, breeze wafting its pollutants about the lungs of others who walked by. he stared off into future images. head mostly filled with visions and schemes for newness. finally he snapped back into now, dumped the ashes

gazing down towards various footsteps. he pushed his slouched body away from the antique building, softly caressing hard fingertips against temples. uneasy with how he left, unwilling to go back. "I was wrong," he contemplated, but "right." all he knew was back in that space

those familiar voices. but his mind lay somewhere in the future. secretly he was hopeful. even in uncertainty he was ready for identity. for happy. peering nowhere in particular, hands contained in pockets, hat pulled towards brow, he subtly planted himself in-line with others

who were chasing destiny.



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