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## ELIZABETH WOOD

### Bloodshed

When  
we are strong enough to mourn  
the weeping of one child,  
When  
the loss of  
a flower or a tree  
is suffered,  
When  
we tremble  
in silence  
in the power  
that births  
the dawn,  
  
Our wombs will be safe.

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## ADEBE DERANGO-ADEM

### black hawk

perched on a tree  
stump, eyes old and full of all that is bleak  
within the earthly realm  
  
it sings dark moans, unbird-like  
  
drones a heart full of stones not even  
semi-precious  
  
I sing out to you but am inclined to disappear  
similar  
to you and your army  
  
did I say  
you  
again?  
I simply meant the bird  
flying fast  
loveless  
and without warning  
over the blue horizon.

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