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hard on to hard on
men move like mad ants
re-framing their broken home

like the sun
their voices rise
and become ghosts-chanting Cherokee warriors

who watch the dark hill
against the dark sky
where their wives make love

to native politicians

there is
a silhouette of feminine shadows on the skyline

one chrysanthemum opening

reshaping

and eyes that grow like a reflection in water
swooning for the symmetry inside

and a hug on the hips

and the swaying.

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