

With Respect to a Fellow Poet

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I asked this poet-man
to inscribe
the book I purchased
from him

But he did not like
what he assumed were my
intolerant politics

Since I by
unasked for birth
reside in a place where
the geography of racism is scorched
into the psyche of an entire

Nation

Whether
it exists in a person
or not

So he
being so fucking
clever wrote a half-drunken
slur on the page
and signed it

Maybe now
he feels like things

are a little more even

But I have
the book
and his signature upon it

