

# Untitled

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The colors of the night  
are malignite and char  
are dead mothers

they lick the cellar floor for emphasis

preparing to speak dead tongues

the colors bind together impenitent

a priest's fingers dipped in ash

a cack-cack of crow

the colors howl for pity

even as they tear out your eyes

they bleed tranquility

under the dirt laden roof

