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if war should take my son
i shall fast as Demeter
for one year i will let
nothing grow
but my hair

lying on broken glass
i will let my skin break
and separate
and my blood will bear
new furies
when it hits the dirt

i am earth's child
and i was born
through rock and salt
torn to pieces
before i saw light