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for two voices

[A scant handful, if I'd dared to touch.
] *Tender, the young jindallaekkot,*

[Soft gray feathers, an olive undercoat,
] *wild azalea, the kind which won't survive*

[spring green throat.
] *transplanting. Or how I twisted*

[Bom chorok mok.
] *and tore off branches, still leafless,*

[Blood still red against concrete,
] *trusses of rose-purple scattering*

[cracked by the gingko's roots.
] *as I lay them in the snow*

[Looking down to keep my footing
] *at your feet,*

[I lost it, seeing you.
] *to hem you in.*

[Upsujussuh.
] *Still you disappeared.*

[Were you vireo, did you sing,
] *Like Bede's swallow arrowing*

∫ I am green, I am verdant,
J *out of darkness,*

∫ I am fresh? Not knowing
J *through the fire-lit hall*

∫ yet I swear, you were here, mattered
J *straight back into winter storms.*

∫ still matter, even gone.
J *Flickered, fluttered, gone.*

