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A HISTORY

Water is rising in our cups
a crow keeps dropping pebbles

we give flowers

men are pretending to offer us their country
Tippecanoe and Tyler
hooked to electricity

our bodies are touching

root for Mr. Edison and the Indians
the scoreboard scaffolding is sinking
in a bog

how long will our beauty last

cities are almost gone
the beavers are coming back
washing their food

we pick burs

checking windowpanes
for signalings
our faces shatter

the moon tugs

salamanders play tricks
knock things over
fade around wicket to wicket
shaping words

people were living