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they gave us a roof above our heads
made of twigs and protons, one we
could reach up and touch with our
fingertips, pluck bouquets of
phosphates to drops into the plastic
cup by the weeping willow at the
train station. They gave us drinking
wells made from bricks and galaxies,
where we'd reel up buckets of planets
with red rugged hands and centrifuge
the starry water from between them.
they twined laser beams into our split
end hair and daisies into our dna and
we were thankful on rug-burned
knees until the sky spilled zwitterions
and we remembered where they came
from.