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*Dance For The End Of Hunger
In The Ballroom Of The El Cortez Hotel*

So much the body knows
it knows by extension.
Waivoka danced for ghosts
to save the plains.
The Guarani dance still
night & day to find themselves
so light they will fly
out of the Amazon
to the Land Without Evil.
& we on conquistador tiles
dance against famine, thin faces
blown up & hung from walls.
Mamba fox-trot pogo bunnyhop,
one animal after another,
dancing. Dancing. Dancing.

The Shakers danced to be separate.
Nijinski danced not to be alone.
Astaire danced with a hat-rack.
& we dance in the company of shades,
women hardly there, men crouching
like coyotes beneath their own bones.