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by  
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*motor rumbles louder than*  
multiple dialect conversations about *grumbling stomachs and shrieking babies*  
*what lies beyond the*  
mountains consumed in trees? *Dark waters the boat parts?*  
I drink in vision of *my mother with*  
cloudy forest backdrop and *a child cradled in*  
gnarled branches that I see as *her arms*  
*she sings the sun into its afternoon slumber*  
behind sunglasses *her eyes close and*  
her mind lulls her to peaceful past. *She imagines sun*  
smiling, she points at *glimmering upon*  
womyn washing *tattered clothing*  
*they hope*  
river cleanses *despair from*  
mud-ridden clothes and *war-trodden homeland,*  
their land of the unmindful *foreigners*  
whose presence grows, like ripples that *roll to shore,*  
*will return no more*

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