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I.

The gray sky licked the hot street.
“thank you,” hissed the pavement.

II.

The wet bird curses his heavy
wings and watches the worms
sprawl out in the mud.

III.

Bleeding into one another,
The puddles trade stories.

IV.

As the water trickles
through the cracked soil
the roots wait patiently.

V.

The sleepy rhythm
purrs the cat into
dreams of flightless birds.

VI.

Smiling with gluttony
the sewer guzzles
the racing stream.

VII.

Humility is coming down in buckets.
It does not appear
to be letting up.

VIII.

The window preserves
the droplet’s singularity.
It cannot hold on forever.

IX.

“Can’t you pull the car around for me?”
the woman asked. “If I’m running through it,
you’re running through it,” he replied.

| *Nick Salter*