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—Josh Davis

my pumpkin is orange
 like my room
 when people come
 i sit here
 and dream of sunsets
 certainly the method of purifying water
 is nothing like making poetry
 my mother
 would have been prouder
 if i had won that day,
 but seeing as how things drift into monster-walls,
 we all said angry prayers,
 thanking time
 for failing us once again
 the thudding comes
 mostly from the way
 the pillows
 have always hated the enemy (what
 did it matter about Chinese food? those
 were desperate times)

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