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we are never born with it
but the years will
like a cold shoulder
break the fragile senses

till you try
plugging it
with flesh, with words

or another hole

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Malamig.
At kahit sa mata lamang
Ay nais kong ihayag
Ang hagupit ng lamig
Ng taglagas sa Paris.

Kanina lamang
Maging kahapon
At ng nagdaang araw,
Pinaagos ko ang init
Sa buka ng bibig
Ngunit lalo lamang nanginig
Sa maktol at daskol
Na sa akin ay ipinukol.
Isang aliw marahil
Na subukang damhin
Kung ang monumento dito
Ay tulad din ng tao.

Malamig.
Ngunit hindi ako
Magtatalukbong.