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Three Poems

Unwanted

The water
Held me
As I floated,
Tides turned for me,
Eddies formed and rose,
Where once whirlpools pulled all beings
Into the violent embrace of the sea.
Waves cradled me
As I tried to nestle in their folds.
Unconscious, from the pith of the vortex,
I crashed on the bank
Covered in frothy foam.
The water receded, uncaring.
No. No! Go back.
We don't want you either.

Asymptote

Still, I wait
An old soul,
For the twains to meet
This day, then the next
This month, till the year
Hyperbolic, hyperbole
My leap of faith
This leap year then, maybe?
Scientific numerology,
Still. I wait.

Hope, Asymptotic
Waits in the smalls of backs
Through sooty candle-lit gazes,
In the creases of your eyes
Through the lines of your iris
Where once we met
Seven seconds, unblinking.
Seven lifetimes
Maybe enough
For this old cat
Has twice risen,
Already;
Still, I wait.

Co-ordinates of longing

Find me my spot in the sun.
Coordinates of longing,
(Latitude x, Longitude y).
In visceral streams of consciousness,
The Place I dream I wake up in.
Just beyond the intersection
Of today and forever,
The place where I belong.

Did you find my vertex?
Where lightning met my heart?
Then find me my spot in the away boat,
One that'll take my scars.
I'll cling to bags
With bodies fresh
Hide in the stench of it all.

Find me my spot in my country,
I'm tired; just want to sit down.
How long can I be a Floating Point Refugee?
Face less, root less, lying awry.
Find me my roots in the mud,
Still lying under the broken house.

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Or find me a spot in the shade,
One that'll turn back time.
With every falling leaf in autumn
Erasure of a different kind.
Fresh leaves can grow then, maybe.
Fresh roots?
They will take time.

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