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1.

Katrina wrestled the with the wind,  
her boy child,  
wild from the unbearable heat  
burning the heavens.  
He escaped from her grasp,  
crashing  
like a slap across the city of New Orleans .

2.

After Katrina tamed her boy  
her eyes screamed.  
She wailed the sea from her mouth  
when she saw that her girl child,  
the earth was dying,  
New Orleans drowned in the storm of her tears.

3.

For greed and foolishness  
the pale men stood silent,  
hung their fear like a noose  
around the necks  
of the not-yet-dead,  
deaf to the hundreds -  
the thousands of voices  
crying out in the night for help.

4.

The elders,  
the mothers with babies waited for the boats  
as the water rose from their ankles to their necks -  
the boats never came.

5.

After Katrina,  
surprised a nation that has lost its breath  
she plunged her raw, uncompromising power  
into the hearts of the women while they wept  
into to the breasts of men who understood  
that they must offer as oblations to the sacrifice;

the hundreds and thousands of bodies  
that cover the floor of New Orleans with bony blankets

and to the survivors  
waiting for Katrina to come again  
with a different name  
to avenge them.