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THE TIME OF TWO FEET

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I stand in awe
Of a green-boned lake
Flamingoes fluttering
In my belly.

A hot-water faucet surprises the skin -
A red pen writing in blue.
Here is where man
First walked on two feet.

Wine rifts the valleys
Of the mind, sprouting stories,
Drafts that belly-along, envisioning
The time of two-feet.

Tentative characters;
Jelly-boned, jerking along.
The future pleads
For a drop of cold ink.

I stand in awe
Of a wide-eyed pit,
Leopards loitering
Outside literary tents.