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Sulaymaniyah

red scarf
dried blood
fallen where I fell

red scarf
dried blood
over sand from where I loved

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dried blood
only souvenir of love
I have

red scarf
dried blood
and only one in video
he keeps on phone & must have shown

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dried blood
did anybody murder him?

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dried blood
I survived four hours being cut

Memory-- a Rainy Night

malforming white beams
make solid in this lack
of light an absence woven rain

under spotlight finger seems
grown to body: abdomen distended & back
twisted by cement-- a knuckle & a stain

of wine beneath tumbled beams
from football earthquake burn attack
I can tell the difference all the same

your death
someone else's murder
and my