

## Round 1: Poetry

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As we  
embrace      resist  
the future      the present      the past  
we work      we struggle      we begin      we fail  
to understand      to find      to unbraid      to accept      to question  
the grief      the grief      the grief      the grief  
we shift      we wield      we bury  
into light      as ash  
across our faces

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