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thirst

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A trinity of live oaks writhes
scratching the woolpack of dirty skies—
shameless beggars.

A vague whisper swells,
barking out thunder offering its promise—
teasing parched flora.

the storm in us

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we're a jumble of
thunderheads against
August afternoon—blue

rain-slick streets choked
with lethargic traffic,
headlights half-dimmed,

flooded gutters bursting,
swirling eddies leading
down dark storm drains,

umbrellas bobbing on
narrow sidewalks forming
Chinese dragons.

