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A Poem by Sarah Berti

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in the morning fold your wings
but in the dark
go out

to where the story is seeded
from the twisted open mouths
of salt-bound monsters

and the night Travels
at a different rate than the day

bear their intimate stare
and cold-fingered shuffling
of scores of ill-fitting tales
familiar garments of horror

choose the particular pain-body
to mask
what you were Telling
when the First Fire went out
and the original story too bright to see
got re clothed in shadows
to be retold by a phalanx of phantoms
across time
deformed voices
designed to distort

remember
across the membrane
until what we craft in the night
when we cannot see the way

will become
a Legend

for the ouroboros tale of shadow
and light is singular
and double and everlasting
and the night
despite its divisions

cannot be divided