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Tiger's eye, luminous in the night, keeper  
of good fortune, pearl of an islander boy

cartographer of dreams, how water  
traverses a life, fills gourds, mouths

left open to utter these words of new  
directions, song for border crossers,

these distances gobbled up by verdigris  
horizon, glitzy possibility. Talisman

of luck *Para el mal de ojo*, evil eye.  
You wear it inside your clothes, feel

it near the skin, burning down to bone.

