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is a cartographer  
of rolling sound  
a mapper  
of sonar valleys      circumnavigating  
grid references  
fine as hair

I open the leather-bound book  
of night    feel its heartbeat  
shudder  
between fingertips  
tease out ariel ears    tune in  
to the forest's  
high frequency —

I am lost  
within  
spectral  
overlaps

swoop    flit    flutter  
words  
of impermanence

You skirt the material world    boundaries  
of space    draw shapes of trees  
through echoes  
clicked rhythms bounce  
a body pulsing  
its topographies

Who are you?  
you are who?

what3words resound

I find you hanging upside down    wings loosed  
emptying all    you have heard  
I shrug  
on map-creases of your skin  
take flight  
chart my own  
sightless  
coordinates