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# TWO POEMS BY ANTONIO HOPSON

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## Hope

I wish to  
cry myself to sleep  
and  
Awaken  
on a sea that I have wept.

## That Burning Bush I Saw

In an orange-spangled fire  
Burning there,  
between two highways  
two seasons  
joining our dimension to the next:

A sovereign, lonely thing.  
Touched by its own failing flesh  
Crying a river too

Had I seen it  
Or it me?

And, if you are there  
Or were . . .  
Why haven't you come to visit me again?

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