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I sign the cross, a compass over my body:
My open hand lifts lightly for heavenly Los

Angeles, drops south near my belly,
San Diegan in origin. I sweep west-east

across my chest from Orange County's seaside
carnal cities, then over the divide of Santa Ana

Mountains toward the Inland Empire,
where I end my moving; in the interior—

paused, my hand marks
where desert meets valley in the high,

hard heat that yields, year after year,
a landscape of wine, vineyards of dark fruit.

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