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VOWS OF BABEL

When my kneecaps leap
with a lion's startle,
will you quell them, soothe
them down like the dead?
And when I have spires
rising from my eyes, will
you turn them inward?
And the sky, when it
folds the diagram of light,
the single, failing number,
will you charter riddles
in four directions? And
when I hear musicians
below, and you, you hear
the love-groans of vermin,
will you seal my jambs
with golden wax? And when
the god comes careening in,
howling for sacrificial meat,
will you have me wrapped
tight in a cloth he does not
know? Oh, will you have
tucked me away, like a stone?