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## Little Bird

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The heaviness of the monsoon drowns  
the noise of every breath,  
muffling sins, covering every inch of my body.  
The whimpers of a bird that has yet to fly  
are hushed by the storm.

The brown water hides the ground,  
The pink flower?  
destroyed.  
Seeds float to the top.  
Mixing and becoming one with scum.

Now, the water reaches my waist,  
I reach out to grab the bird,  
To comfort it before it inevitably dies  
becoming an uncomfortable part of me,  
Taking refuge in my heart.

When telling the story of the little bird  
the words become impossible to utter.  
Building a sanctuary in my throat  
comfortably living and  
burning me from inside.