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HOPE

"HOPE IS NOT JUST AN EMOTION BUT A FORCE."

—K. HELPHAND

THE SCAFFOLD ALREADY STEADY
THOUGH STILL UNDERWAY,
NEWSPAPER STORIES STACKED IN THE TRASH
OR IMPRINTS MADE ON THE SEAT OF A TRAIN,
URBAN CREEK'S QUIET BED,
THE ONSET OF AUTUMN:
PORTALS AND VESSELS,
FOR THIS HOPE.

BEDROCK

OUR FOUNDATION IS STABLE LIKE A MOMENT
BUILT ON A GLIMMER, A HUNCH, AND COMMON GROUND.
IT IS NOT HEAVY WITH THE WEIGHT OF US,
STRIATED BY TIME OR PROCESS,
BUT LAYS SOLID AMIDST SHIFTING EARTH,
A CONGLOMERATE OF HOPE
ON WHICH WE CAN DANCE.

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FOR GROUND THAT HOLDS
WEIGHT OF SHADOWS,
WITHSTANDS SURPRISE OF FLOODS,
FOR SURFACE THAT
FOLDS AND FAULTS
AND STILL ENDURES
THE TENSION OF GROW