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Icarus After the Crash

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Think back, he said, when
mosquitos landed fiercely

on ultraviolet light, tiny
fireworks crackled

confused. Curiosity left us all
with empty hands and melted

wings. You see, those flat
blues and whites above

weren't meant to be openings,
arcane passages to other

worlds, unless one became spectral,
odorless mist— almost invisible.

We hide now in shadows
of olive trees, cling to phantom limbs,

dry-salting their translucent contours
in hot archipelago air, under

the mistrusting searchlight beams
of sun, ceaselessly sweeping—calling.