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And When They Finally Hand Me a Name After Danez Smith

I will be still wisping / most of me /
fading memory first / into tomorrow /
still burning / at the sight of me /
my hand a watermark / of a forgotten
summer / still glowing / in the lost light /
muddy mirage / morbid marriage of
mutability / and dirt / always shifting /
for another's God / steady silent / for
another's flame / bone crackling quiet /
they will call me kindling / see me gaslight
drenched / name me guilty / never find
the igniting match / monster made
of molehills / and afterthought / still praying
for an unraveling / ontological absence / still
searching for salvation / demi deity
of vanishing / into dawn / still holding
horizon / strong as momma's hush /
holy as the knife / in her teeth