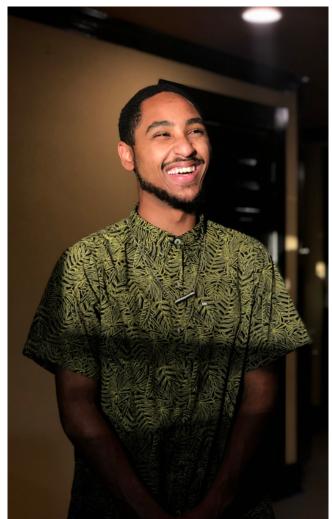
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And When They Finally Hand Me a Name After Danez Smith

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

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