

## THE TELUGU WORD FOR HOME SOUNDS LIKE ILLNESS

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few can say they have one tongue / for home and hurt / few will know disaster / is dowsed in coconut milk / it's ok / i have made friends with my grief / i have reconciled with the wound / in my mouth / i have already seen our ending don't worry / it is blue and entire / it is a field of asphalt / it is too large for us to outrun / don't worry / someone has trusted me with this much sadness / if i walk everywhere with grief / i walk everywhere with home / if i find my way to illu / i find my way to the wound / don't worry / we won't make it / i will miss you / like a stone / i will run through you / like a sound / i will run through you / with my dying / don't worry / if there is a door / there is a leaving / if there is light / there are years inside it / don't worry / you can show me your grief / i have spent all my life / a good vessel / i have practiced kneeling / to what i cannot understand / the ending will be kind don't worry / it is closer than we think / it will be in a language / we know / it will be in a body / we run to