

Winner 2021

home is a poem

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bombshell
destroys our poem
dust in suitcase
of what was
the journey away from

here, sky
doesn't whistle
with erasure
& serenade of shell

instead, wind pollinated
with dishes, bring memory
of land to the tongue

stove, a mouth:
dictionary of spices
combine old words
into new world

learn brick & mortar
remake language and syntax
reshape this place
write stanzas
with three grammars:
voice of mother
voice of father
voice of here and now

how a house is the poem
stuck inside our head
but a home is the poem
we write instead