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Water is rising in our cups  
a crow keeps dropping pebbles

we give flowers

men are pretending to offer us their country  
Tippecanoe and Tyler  
hooked to electricity

our bodies are touching

root for Mr. Edison and the Indians  
the scoreboard scaffolding is sinking  
in a bog

how long will our beauty last

cities are almost gone  
the beavers are coming back  
washing their food

we pick burs

checking windowpanes  
for signalings  
our faces shatter

the moon tugs

salamanders play tricks  
knock things over  
fade around wicket to wicket  
shaping words

people were living