strung out on highway between moments of saying wrong things and clueless families laying on cruel.

dreaming of living from the car
packed with clothes that barely fit
grabbed in a rush from a childhood home
before figuring out what kind of tree
it was that had always grown outside.

chasing hummingbirds
made of honey bees fleeing
air and hands reaching for stories
of stolen siblings. the land is full
of verdant tombs baked into hillsides
found on maps drawn by children
trying to find folklore that fits.

past growling thickets
of shredded fabric
where the wind blows home
in rocking arms of undertow.