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## Camp means field

means open summer means temporary means go there someday I tell my son means naming the sun and wildflower by color burnt blue means doesn't exist in nature means tasteless but blue means camp and war in the body means to doctrine or cause camp fever epidemic fever life fever never burnt down endless means as far as the eye can see but what if the eyes are gone and in their place are flowers means in their sockets are stones a stone in my belly then my ancestors stones around us means field of stones is not camp even if camp means field means I have to stop writing stones carrying throwing burying stones weighing the body down with what it's lost flowers I say camp means field I say it again means this isn't my meaning my lager' lagging stone means what can be remembered or named means lagged behind means lagend without water is still a field growing largess to lagrima to grime amalgam of languages I don't know what they mean or where they come from means field because field means everything but лагерь crammed below the earth means things growing out that were once pushed down camp means when I pushed my son out of me I felt I'd birthed a stone loose in my moleskin brought back from stone fields means the fields we were pushed out from means the fields we were pushed into means there is no camp to return to but there is still a field polye margin square bent brim bound domain range province provide expanse expanding flat means flat means flattened earth of stones means stoned bodies or means when you hear Holocaust wholly burnt or burned whole bodied stones sacrifice by fire burnt offering caustic whole you don't hear stones or fields or flowers mean you don't hear blue because gone and gray and counted weigh far more and you don't hear a name because there are too many or a body because the same means you hear in plurals in bodies you imagine them means magnitude and you weigh how wrong it is to figure them this way their lack or lessening means them as stones again or still but when my son hears holy and challah and cost years and years from now hears it over breakfast with his family perhaps he will hear imagine growing wild a field means the ghost who lingers there means chicory dog violets snowdrops baby blues as far as the eye can see