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a love poem

monochrome means

mundanity

made marvelous,

monday meetings

my mouth

mumbling

muttering

mustering

in the master.

mundane.

waiting on/for/with you.

note to self

a sunflower
conjured out of the dark

soft
wholesomeness
buzzing in My fantasies;

fully
celebrate everyone's
absurd things
and smile
from one extreme to another

Tender
my darling

tenderness

oxtails

thanksgiving, christmas, new years eve
my parents (daddy) churn time in a
pot, all the fats sinking to the bottom,
the smells running through the house
until the oxtails soon melt in my ears—soft
chews, the only alarm able to
seat us all at the table in sync
is my mom pouring the sparkling juice
and daddy taking the top of the
caramelized sizzling of centuries of hardwork
and recent gentrified grocery store prices driving tradition
further and further away.