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In the beautiful foliage the stillness unconsoled. Light with hands goes over a wall. The sand steps out of roots. Sand, walk away red in the water, seek the track of voices, walk in the darkness, lay out the catch in the morning. The voices sing pale silver, take away, for safeguarding, the ears, into the beautiful foliage, the voices sing: dead is dead