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## An Arawak Speaks

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for the record

it was not  
with innocent eyes  
i the indigenous  
of these shores  
watched  
your arrival

your coming  
was long prophesized

*often when scaling  
a fish its gill  
will bleed your fingers*

i'll always  
be here

if you doubt me  
place your ear  
to the ground

*the moon's fullness  
blinds the sun  
but cannot deny  
its existence*