To Begin an Even Knowing:

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Accept rocks. Or whatever touches them.
Remember depth.

Collect fish.

Trust echoes: the pulse from your level hand,
the wave through wire.

Draw a map of heaven. Draw the sun. Say "Burn."

Memorise your country's stars.
Know you would be lost in half the world.

Set your story on fire.

Consider what this world has not been,
your hands folded on the edges of this page.

Count the universes you missed
because you spoke the right word.

Follow children's voices. Define green.
Mean purple.

Begin "Amen."