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a dragonfly drumming against the planet
is amber wind
the sound of night.
echoing in a sewer: a raccoon, branches.
 brittle nature. fingering
the city skyline a hallucinate
language parallel
to the constellation of sporadic stars.
 a light flickering
 shines eternal.
generations build god alphabetically
out of the flesh, &
a mercenary has no home
 to climax. is an original impulse
 more true than false:
we bend like a river's silence
the curve magical & etcetera—

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Randall Horton: Poem

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Randall read the poem here and others at TW's "[Digital Poets and Nature](#)" [3] panel for the AWP 2015 conference in Minneapolis.

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