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Still, a kind of rebellion: night as rain  
glasses frozen grasses. Limp hills

of new-forested stone  
walls all snow lichen-dusted,

train soughing winded valley. Over dim tents  
you and I intone in cloudbreak—

we did not watch for constellations,  
but lifted coals ember light  
to thaw our boots

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# Dream in Which Iguala is the Genesee

*This is something that should never have happened,  
and must never be repeated.*

*—Jesús Murillo, Mexico Attorney General*

They water flowers for the dead while I lay down  
tonight—snowmelt river water  
stinking in my clothes—my door

ablaze in protest. Students  
scream *we are not armed*—their fists  
against riot shields, eyes

water tear gas river  
south campus dark green gentle  
bends reflect cornfields beneath the bridge—

a desert south stars ruddy  
in cloud smoke thick ash  
on riverbank. Diesel

on water pearly, languid—  
under tide of trash and skin. Their brown  
skin, blistered skin teeth that turn

to dust in eddy. Hands in water, hands  
pressed through rifle bore—my hands  
are white, soft—

dripping red I have turned away  
from garbage pyres: 43 students shot  
and burned, bones  
thrown to water, skin—ash

gathered on this dirt as snow.