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Haiku, for Leonard

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Praise the blackbird flying
free on the far
edge of dawn

Praise us unshackled
mending trails
of broken treaties

Praise ancient women
crushed velvet skirts
post-colonial

moccasined men
rewriting life sentences
drumming away the dark

into the day as dough
dances on oil
frybread

frijoles, red chile
you dreamed us beautiful
Lakota, hallowed, Peltier

be thy name.