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for Victor, 1954-1990

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tubes fill his mouth like opium: diversions

keep him occupied: a palestine whose defenses
are suppressed. territory lost. frail arms
impuissant: his sky is a rattling dry gourd

here is a man from a country without borders
anyone can cross over: share his bed. lazaretto