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WILL OF A RICH MAN

I shall leave my friends a clock
to pace the passage of hatred.
I shall leave them a needle to sew assertions.
I shall leave them a silence turned to paper.
I shall wish them the most savory journey.

MARCH WIND

The March wind howls like a man living under the penalty of death. We know, April tiptoes in, hiding knives beneath its wings and promising rain. The prayer had been a groan growing from the folds of this waste land. The foot enters a new realm: how I am thirsty for barefoot Aprils! Mine is a faceless April, just living rock and the fury of the path. Something is for certain: tomorrow is Saturday and we need to put our lives on the salt market. The risk is the highest ever taken by the people of this neighborhood, of this slum, kneaded with lilies and mud, flourpaste and dung. Mine is a faceless April, but I sniff its hair and feel in my veins its approaching drums, as once we put our ears to the rail and our hearts shook in warpaint.

NOBODY'S ANSWERING MACHINE

This is Nobody's answering machine. I am His delegated voice panting in the dark, the alien voice that reasons and complains when you rub my chest with greenleaf hands.

Now listen carefully to these words which die on the shore. Please say your name, placing it, like a spell, on the gentle wave that will lick your foot. Say the year you are reporting from and