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## Poem for Maya · Carolyn Forché

Dipping our bread in oil tins  
we talked of morning peeling  
open our rooms to a moment  
of almonds, olives and wind  
when we did not yet know what we were.  
The days in Mallorca were alike:  
footprints down goat-paths  
from the beds we had left,  
at night the stars locked to darkness.  
At that time we were learning  
to dance, take our clothes  
in our fingers and open  
ourselves to their hands.  
The *veranera* was with us.  
For a month the almond trees bloomed,  
their droppings the delicate silks  
we removed when each time a touch  
took us closer to the window where  
we whispered *yes*, there on the intricate  
balconies of breath, overlooking  
the rest of our lives.