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The Geometry of Distraction

You may attend a party where strange costumes prevail

It will take you many hours to devise a way to fit in

Words will be cinders in the fire: hope, light, water

You will read smoke and interpret it for your children

It will take you many hours to fit in

To the geometry of distracted attention

You will read smoke and interpret it for children

Who have been chasing each other for hours

The geometry of distracted attention

You realize this illness is a communal affliction

Events have been chasing each other for days

You decide there is no point in organizing them

You realize this restlessness is a communal affliction

Reading tea leaves is an unlikely cure but that's what you've got

You decide there is a point in organizing them

Night outside. Inside the air is full of smoke

Reading tea leaves is an unlikely cure but that's what you've got

You attend a party where strange customs prevail

Night outside – Inside the air is full of smoke

You will read it and interpret for your children

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