Poetry by Yaowaree Leavell

Eye’ve Seen the Dreamtime, The In-Between Time...

I dreamt I was flying in a watery sky
rainbow fins fan a smiling moon
she blinks salt-spray from sly silver eyes
her piscine suitors blush a shy maroon

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and possibility
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I’ve seen the dreamtime,
the in-between time
and I live in a tree that grows
up
and
down
at the same time,
whose roots are pebbled with stars.

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I dreamed that I reach out in invertebrate joy
A shining horde of old and jellied souls
flirled we are thrilled at our remembered touch
long-lost siblings we are many and bold
I see a sky so bright that the sun goes blind
floating lovers gasp, wings and fingers entwined
myriad bells measure endless time
the blind sun weeps, molten gilt and brine

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the moment gone
like a mote in the eye
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A.N.K.A.R.A.T.

They used to call me Ankarat.

I dreamt of a dreamer who was dreaming of me
a boat on someone’s technicolor R.E.M. sea
Land Ho Captain, the morning comes
the sun thunders near on a trail of starlight crumbs

I see a brilliant golden grain
drifting in the wide vacuum of space;
as I draw near, its hazy glow
resolves into the hard singularity
of a walnut shell
which unfurls like a leather flower.

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The Mind
Zach Folzenlogen