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Those corner-dwellers, they

are my granary— keepers of all that
is good and vast in me.

She said to me, mama, a bud enters
without knocking.
Yaani, a flower swells out of nothing.

These arms can harvest joy, too.
We are stockpiling suppleness, lovingkindness.

And I say to you, calamity tends
to obsolescence; these gifts of ours,
they are perennial.

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