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Born There: A Poem

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Birth geography
Tied tight to longevity
But when might is right
What rights are given that might
Right the balance of the world

No rites can heal this
Hideous hemoptysis
If a mite of care
The mighty felt to fight white
Plague, then this I needn’t write

About the Poem
It was inspired by a patient from Africa with drug-resistant tuberculosis and the dedication of colleagues to cure him. He would have otherwise died, another statistic in an epidemic of injustice; over a million people worldwide still die from this treatable and preventable disease.*

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