

Walk it Back

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Take one step back
and another
and another
until you can remember
what you gathered
in each home
that wasn't quite home
the trees always
held you closer.
Find the leaves
that brushed
against your forehead,
the rough boots
of the cabbage palm.
Pull them back until
a small snake or tiny lizard
pauses in your hand.
Remember, they found warmth there.
Remember, your blood has not cooled.