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## Elegy to Tears

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Tears  
have no frontiers;  
carry no passport;  
nor require a visa.

Tears  
are international;  
as affection,  
tenderness,  
love.

Tears  
have no fatherland;  
they are universal.

Tears  
is the man;  
is the woman,  
—the mother—,  
is the child.

To suffer  
is what is human  
and human is the people.  
To suffer is the flesh  
rendered from the people  
which raises a moan  
and sheds tears.

And the people are here;  
and in the antipode,  
in the septentrion,  
in the capricorn.

The people are  
everywhere,  
because to suffer  
is the people;  
people, of the peoples  
which cover the Earth.

This. Earth

2 that was taken  
from the people;  
that was taken  
from the man;  
the woman,