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Mosaic Maker

The mosaic maker stands
in piles of stained-glass shrapnel,
sifting through verbs and nouns
with bloodied fingers.

She struggles to find places for
 stillborn
 starvation
 midnight-hued -cides and
 sold.

She seeks a strong cement
and strains to see the Pattern
in which all things (this, hard beauty)
hold together.

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