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Abstract
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Only the grass is certain, certain of an equation. Only the lawn resisting shimmering refuses a replacing.

Let I rest against the tree, a solid that is splintering.

If night-bark furrows, then history can be shed.

Let sprinklers equal X, an absence that is manifest.

Now solve for bare feet glisten. Now step on constellations.
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