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BLACK AND BROWN

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Have you ever witnessed
black and brown children
dancing in the rain?

Have you ever witnessed
black and brown children
painting the base of their feet
with the wet earth they were born from
as they move to the rhythm
of the rain pattering around them?

Have you ever witnessed
their laughter rolling off their tongues
and spilling between the gaps in their teeth?

I have.

Black and brown children
dance to the ovations of the storms
supported by their own screams of excitement.

Black and brown children
dance shirtless
as the clouds roll above them
and the rain licks their ebony
and hazel skin.
And in those moments,
I can not only see
the beauty that exists
in black and brown,
I can feel it comforting me.