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PART THREE
BRONZE
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When I return from the land of exile and silence
Do not bring me flowers.

Bring me rather all the dews,
Tears of dawns which witnessed dramas.
Bring me the immense hunger for love
and the plaint of tumid sexes in star-studded night.
Bring me the long night of sleeplessness
with mothers mourning, their arms bereft of sons.

When I return from the land of exile and silence,
no, do not bring me flowers ...

Bring me only, this
the last wish of heroes fallen at day-break
with a wingless stone in hand
and a thread of anger snaking from their eyes.

- 'Poem of Return', by Jofre Rocha, Angola