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My mother is in the soil
She's already giving back life
Each tear
Each tongue
Each tremor
builds fresh spores and carbon.

A thousand years to birth
just three centimetres
of top soil of the whole world, reader.

A long time it is

My generation won't see it
Your generation won't see it
Sixty years of good or bad farming
What will the nations inject?

This bowl of dirt, heaps of mycelium life
knits webs under my feet.
Each water bead
Each nitrogen molecule
Each carbon mote
binds trees to family roots.

Reader, with you I share
the soil dermis, my mother,
the alchemy to start a movement.