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Genesis

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Let there be woman. God saw her gaze was good
 unflinching. Let her pluck her iPhone
 from the tree of knowledge.

Let her seventeen years span generations
 of Minneapolis police bruising her people.
 Let her hands be firm in the firmament

when she presses record let her backbone
 be strong for eight minutes and forty-six seconds
 in the presence of four armed men.

Let her bless the man
 being ground into dust
 with the breath of witness. Let her courage

spread like a pandemic
 her vision pull down monuments of hate
 drive the rebel flag to hell

unbind cords of rope by the light
 of our guilt. Let her press on hope
 open every throat.

Let her name be Darnella Frazier.