

- 32<sup>nd</sup> parallel -

*on roots*

2015, prayer for charleston	1	2	al-jalame's orange trees
in four directions let the body move a hand	a dove		if a farmer weeps, he weeps for three days - his heart uprooted from between his lungs
			roots and branches, leaves and blossoms, pulled like scarves from between his lungs
in four directions let the body move a hand	a dove		if the blossoms shake, a bee knocked from a blossom - his tufted bee body yellow with pollen, the pollen that leapt to be among his branching hairs
			if the bee is knocked, he flees, exiled - his hind leg heaving a basket of pollen
in four directions let the body move a hand	a dove		if the pollen is heaved, it is the last harvest - the harvest of memory, the harvest of song