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from: *Atlas*

the showing forth
of the earth. Our words are not enough if
in the stars
the signs *the sun*
is going to set now *nothing less*
than a cleansing

it is SPACE that has turned out
in the Anthropocene
this fragile portrait, this color
coded map

stars & dollar signs hours of walking the streets if
an untroubled past of exceptional sweetness

of the sea from the waves: a map
unfurled of sky

if *this* is the narrative then
what lies in the confines?

Where precisely is the edge?

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likely hear a rooster
a distant
train of hard-
soled

literally on the other side
of the tracks
muffled by the ever-
present fog

a backwater lacking the bright

the Colony is colorful
invisible

Cristo Rey
when Bobby Kennedy stopped
to pray the Californios
were not farmers

who worked as vaqueros

who lived in the adobe homes

that the land was claimed

and every house had a fence
that it was our whole world
a border around their land?

We are children of God
and they put the water to keep the dust
so beautiful.

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clear the space. Clear signal
that means everything's
all right

after the hurricanes
implies an end. Billowy
wave turned
the edges over

shards of it. Where the
juvenile were over-
wintering

splinters of potential it was the charm
of ruins. The hinterland
to the ocean. A big river bigger
than most

a mesh of small pieces
from boreholes

*under the water that matters
a breathtaking repetition*

—in soft dirt
 in soil
packed hard
 broad scoop
 more or less hollow
blade.

Earth thrown
 or gathered,
flat thin tablet
 of pale spade,
wash of an oar
 run away at full
speed.

Sense of colors,
 bucket for bailing
water, opening in a ship's
side
 (of wine),

of gunfire
 or grain (by tossing
into the air).

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114,103 acres, 65%

with Santa Ana winds coming these
ops will dim a star / watch party over
night somewhere in the Angeles
National Forest safe from the
#BobcatFire another amazing red-
sun I didn't realize the flames came
within ***5 feet*** of Mt. Wilson
last week yikes took me away from
the smoke still that blue is sweet!

the pangs of dread of smoke in the
mountains is nothing new there
is increased wind activity over
the area new little flareup starting
luckily we saw it & we know the
area of concern tonight is burn
that got into a bowl getting into
Bare Mountain Canyon our
military capabilities under global
scrutiny better flex seems fires
are very good at finding the spots
between previous scars good thing
for people to keep in mind but
our feeds have been targeted
by misinformation the hard work
to lay fires to bed & when we die
our bodies become the grass