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Bilingual Alliterations

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flora and fauna
is a dew-dropped spade,
monstera in the dark
green fable of faber-castell
scarlet macaws
beyond my native ocean,
nudged to a side
by new immigrant realities,
mental landmark-ing
a shapeshifting half-cob
in sunset fluorescence,
the roadside banksia —
two more stops to get off the bus

maamelaa meli
is the smell of jasmine
petals floating
like glyphs in ??????? ??????
a sweetness pressed
upon hearts of ????????????
shaped like water
pooling pollen hearths,
for bugs and avifauna —
dhoonisoofa soofi ???????? ????
red hibiscus, handhuvaree,
and emblems of pink rose
syrup melting in the sun

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