

EXCEPT YOU

What gets archived
a song in November
a psalm in the fields
chants around a fire?

Wearing their good shoes
huddled up
the earth is heated
and scraped off the next morning.

Nobody will remember
except you
who swept the floor
and kept love.

Bio

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