

Another Day in the Backyard While My Parents Fight  
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While late spring lingers,  
I arrange earthworms  
into a writhing braid.  
I watch my art slip away.

I arrange earthworms  
to travel my hand lines  
I watch my art slip away  
as they return to the soil.

To travel my hand lines  
place trust in my palms  
as they return to the soil,  
I watch the train pass.

Place trust in my palms  
my legs to my chest  
I watch the train pass  
and my home shake.

My legs to my chest  
while late spring lingers  
and my home shakes  
into a writhing braid.