

aan ku soo laabano awoowgay

dear angel that took the form of a camel
who wrote you into this world
who will write you into the next

meaning, what have you planned exactly
where will you fold your wings
whose mouth do you intend to hold your feathers

who's your testament, i am my *abo's*
living legacy
to mean i have purpose

today, *abo*
the sun dapples your eyes
tomorrow it could be the earth
turning them copper
your soft sockets, who will save them

you told me, as we were crossing fields
waan dhafray inaan meeshaan ku keeno
meaning, *abo*
you suffered the dust
but you were no revolutionary
not even half angelic
you ran only to save your epidermis

look at your scars *abo*
fine network,

fine dashing,

fine spilling,

fine lining,

whole leg as a bark, composite
even in darkness

i joke

your leg was your ticket out
you joke

i ran through kampala first, for you

i joke

you ran to save what needed saving, your marrow not my existence

you joke

i knew you'd be here, it was just a question of where you'd be formed

abo, where?

abo, somewhere that has never known the coldness of bones

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