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Sunset for an Early Interventionist

This sunset is for me
and for the child who hits
and for his mother who hopes in Creole
that he will speak.

This sunset is for me
and for the child who dances
and for her parents who imagine
an independent life.

This sunset is for me
and for the boy who loves trucks
and for his mother who wants to stop buying them
but who yearns for every “más!”

This sunset is for me
and for the child who mouths toys
and for his parents who are searching
for the entrance to his thoughts.

This sunset is for me
and for the child who spins
and for his mother who prays
In Bengali through the night.

This sunset is for me
and for everyone who tries
to gather their hopes up in the morning
and in the disappearing light.

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