BLESSING

Now

more than ever

let us be the ones

who will not turn away.

Let us be the ones

who will go

farther into the wreck

and deeper into the rubble.

Let us be the ones

who will enter into the places

of devastation beyond belief

and despair beyond our imagining,

and there let us listen

for the Spirit that brooded

over the formless darkness;

and there let us look again

for the God who gathered up the chaos and began to create.

Let us be the ones

who will give ourselves

to the work of making again

and to the endless beginning

of creation.

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