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The Resurgence

We see the horn-rimmed skin of alligators in the river.
We see turtles that are shaped like bowls are shaped by
blunt giants. We see palms absolute that ivy slowly
over years does strangle.

We walk into this churning clear green waist-high water.

We call NEW LIFE.

We believe in the mysterious purposes of our actions.

We believe we do not need a reason.

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