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From Section 2, the fires:

REFUGEES

For Puerto Rico, Mexico City, Houston, Florida, Northern California, Africa, and all refugees everywhere

ripped from daily habit
torn from the arms of familiar
stripped of everything but the nakedness of now

we are refugees

disaster triggers adrenalin
adrenalin triggers response
we respond with amazing acuity
energy sufficient
generosity beyond resource
resourcefulness beyond supply
always, creativity
 peppered with wit

we are refugees

our common circumstance makes us tribal
 intimate
 gentle or ferocious, as needed
old barriers vanish
private shadows disappear
 in the light of need
we make do
 accept gifts
 celebrate the thinnest of choice
discover talent

ours and others'
inconvenience melts away under gratitude

we are refugees

discovering our real home
in the broken mending heart
of community