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poet, essayist, beekeeper, loving human

We sing so that the light may be  
The light too has its kin  
The light, it has been said, is the daughter of words  
But it is also the daughter of song, and of dance.  
We sing to light the flame at the end of the night.  
—ÁLVARO MARÍN, *Song for Eliana*

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