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In his haunting and fearless debut, Ocean Vuong walks a tightrope of historic and personal violences, creating an interrogation of the American body as a borderless space of both failure and triumph. At once vulnerable and redemptive, dreamlike and visceral, compassionate and unforgiving, these poems seek a myriad existence without forgetting the prerequisite of self-preservation in a world bent on extinguishing its othered voices. Vuong's poems show, through breath, cadence, and unrepentant enthrallment, that a gentle palm on a chest can calm the most necessary of hungers.

## **Torso of Air**

*Suppose you do change your life.  
& the body is more than*

*a portion of night--sealed  
with bruises. Suppose you woke*

*& found your shadow replaced  
by a black wolf. The boy, beautiful*

*& gone. So you take the knife to the wall  
instead. You carve & carve*

*until a coin of light appears  
& you get to look in, at last,*

*on happiness. The eye  
staring back from the other side--*

*waiting.*

**Ocean Vuong** is the author of *Night Sky with Exit Wounds* (Copper Canyon Press, 2016). His poems appear in *Kenyon Review*, *The Nation*, *New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Poetry*, and *The American Poetry Review*, which awarded him the Stanley Kunitz Prize for Younger Poets. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, he lives in New York City.

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