

The Sky is Falling

"I don't pay attention to the world ending.

It has ended for me many times and began again in the morning." -Nayyirah Waheed

You remember Chicken Little? You remember him?
You remember when he warned his whole town the sky was falling,
and they did not believe him?
Do you remember - all the times we warned them,
of the guns, or the greed
and they did not believe us?

The sky is falling
Can't you hear it?
It sounds like twitter feeds and police sirens
Can't you hear it?
It sounds like handcuffs clinking and rich men laughing
Can't you hear it?
Our ancestors screaming? Our children asking all the questions we cannot answer?

The sky is falling, the country is falling,
Which is to say this country has always been falling
We have seen the breaking before
We have seen blood splattered church walls and gun chambers,
But we know how to build beauty out of destruction
How to make home out of hollow wind

The sky is falling-
but we have seen this before.
Let the sky fall, let us see all the stars

We will not waver
This howling wind will not be stronger than our hope
The world is ending, the sky is falling-
I am tired of this earth
I am ready to build a new one

Thank God

The sky is falling, the world is ending,
But it will begin again
We will build a new world from the ash-
but let us not forget the fire
We will build mosaics out of the shards-
but let us not forget the breaking

This cycle shall not continue

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The world has ended so many times
We know of breaking, of falling, of bending,
Yes, we have heard of the end
But what is the end of something if not the beginning?

Let the sky fall
Let it give birth to something new, something bright and beautiful,
Let every bullet be sucked into space
Let the sky fall
Let the new one be beautiful

Praise all that is new and holy
Praise all that lifts us
Let the new world hold us better than all the ones before
Let the sky fall,
Let us prepare for the new beginning
Amen.