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(Untitled)

The lines are too sharp for our own good
The globe is separated by pencil marks
War lines

Separation

The invisible lines
Trip the weak and block them
No matter how hard they pound on the glass wall
That thicken
With each strike

Help

We cannot escape or enter
We are between the lines of nowhere
But the lines are permeable
They are a beaver's dam that can be broken
That should be exposed and open
To all humans

Together bound as one
We can erase the non-existent strokes
Of war and fear