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## About Caribbean torpor

Not predatory

Not scavenger

Guardian only

Today I saw a dog die  
in a video

Nobody was afraid

Not even who killed him

Not even his companions

Had a steady pulse

who recorded the video

Much less the domestic wolf

He attacked quickly and head on.

He withstood two rifle shots

He died attacking with the third

He got himself killed for his home

A home that he did not own

Very few dogs have land ownership  
papers

They don't think either

They act on instinct

Experts say

I do not believe that any rabbi,  
priest, imam, preacher or pastor

Can accuse the dog of being a sinner

It was his instinct they will say

I shall add this:

It was fierce, sacred, and beautiful

Like a jaguar fang

Like the glyph that sometimes  
distinguishes their skins

That is the sign of perfection

Which must necessarily be eternal

and act without haste

My country is young

Very short of memories

We know almost nothing before Spanish

We know very little about before  
Bolívar

About the Indians and the blacks we  
make fools of ourselves

We are not capable of perennial love or  
hatred

Why fight over something that happened  
so long ago?

Few know the names of all their great-  
grandparents

We have neither monarchy nor nobility  
Just some nouveau riche who live far  
away

The Indians around here did not build  
pyramids or empires

I think because of the Caribbean torpor  
I think that rubbed off on whites and  
blacks.

And then with mestizaje we mulattoes  
perfected Caribbean antiparabolism

That in light of the facts is not so  
uncivilized nor so ugly

From my humble perspective  
The ground that is fought over there  
with so much effort  
It's a piece of desert  
Drier than the driest of dried leathers  
And uglier than the ugliest of camels

Of course I also saw the civil father  
swearing at something in the sky  
while he was holding his dead baby  
And I didn't see them but I can imagine  
them playing with their new toys  
to the military engineer and the expert  
advisor

But since this is taking too long, I'm  
going to have to leave it here  
Wishing them reach some agreement there  
May they solve all their problems with  
justice and peace  
May they be very happy there and if  
they want we will help them

But from afar

Li Tao Po

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