

*You are migrant*

which is to say  
you are standing in a line  
a very long line  
you are grasping the fist of a child you do not know  
which is to say you will not lose this child  
you don't know where this line will lead you  
but you know well what it took you from  
you are from Syria, Tunisia, Mexico, Ukraine  
a sack holds your belongings in other words  
please God, praise Allah enough to barter for your passage  
a woman with hair as golden as your grandmother's hens  
offers water, a bowl of rice  
you do not understand the loud marketplace  
of her language but you do recognize the sound  
so like your grandmother's voice  
the day you arrived panting at her threshold  
which is to say your clothes were torn  
to say you are not synthetic  
nor bullet proof  
not secured with a digital password  
you are dehumanized is to say  
you are transitory  
on the way to someone else's  
border country jail cell  
you are migrant not refugee  
is to say

