

Epilogue (three poems)

January 2017: you receive a summons
and then a document

citizen, or rather, subject – again
nation and kingdom, twice

obligations under law
and yet, greater freedom

In Winter_____

We say, “Trying to boil the ocean”
to mean trying to do too much
We should say, “heating the café terrace”
to mean a total lack of foresight

Year Zero_____

you didn't quit your job and volunteer in a refugee camp
you can't leave your kid and volunteer in a refugee camp
anyway, your partner is waiting for paperwork
and then, repeat line two