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American can't hold me,
has always been my second language,
I am, in search. I seek my mother tongue.
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