HARRIET TUBMAN'S EMAIL TO MASTER

(SUBJECT: DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW PLACE)

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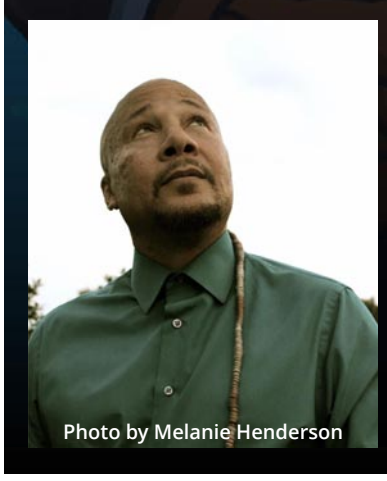
go
down past glass
ground in your salt shaker

make
a right between
arsenic sweet tea swallows

i
am easy to find.
just take the fork where

mothers
kill their babies
to keep them safe from you

and
look for
windows growing shotguns.



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