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A poem on holiday gifting + holy imagination

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we've been thinking
about christmas gifts
during a fascist takeover
we love the joy
of kids opening
gifts they love
but let's be honest
sometimes we go
overboard
christmas nostalgia
has a way of numbing
my values as i comfort
myself with the assurance
that anything in the name
of christmas joy is
worth swiping the
credit card
but maybe not
anymore
maybe it's seeing
how blindly and quickly
corporations i've supported
with my dollars
have kissed the ring
of an agenda
that put our country
on the united nations
human rights watchlist
this may finally be the year
small local businesses
especially black, brown,
female and queer owned
get all my dollars
and our kids get more
opportunities to
experience
create
give
love
away