

**Twenty-Two Weeks
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Nights lit up with a timer. Our programmable nests
evolving new synonyms. Spring is a thermostat,

a due date, a flutter. Some products are just simple
sums, but there is a harder green: multiplication

that fails to ripen. For now, well-bound prospectus, glow
on a branch. I read aloud and current children cheer.

“Oh, wie schön ist Panama!” A bear and a tiger
setting sail in a crate with the scent of bananas.

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