## The ramadan awoowe returned

\*= *pray* 

i press dates on the ground and \* there they embody me, emollient, light whipped, swollen in the stare of the sun

(to mean we are surveilled)

everywhere a carpet /i\* with the sounds

they make their wet silences their soft voids their emptied fingers i copy and float like simply because i want to i have learnt to hold sight of my limbs this way (i surveil myself)

i \* and i m on a plane, i stand mid-turbulence, arms turbine, i \* because i m meant to, i as i sweat i \* in my loneliness, i forget my palms when i mafraid, i forget our geographies, i \* and my

grandfather comes back, mid-sajdah, he's here, and silent, i\* and there are no rewards i\* and my brother falls and emerges on a freeway i\* and a helicopter finds him, his photographed crumpled

self, lies on our mantelpiece, we burn oud for him he came back i\* and the world falls soft in knowing, the inside of the kabah is not square/ everything can reveal itself anew/

i \* and reveal my skin my grandfather's, he never left us, i\* and he floats over having learnt to transmute time and distance, i\* and he's back, under a night winking with infrared, i\* and he is calling us again, voice static'd, we are just breaking our fast, we are just fighting over

dates, i\*, and he whispers, telefoonka iga qabo, which i hear as, hold me