Canada Dry as means for stopping black on black crime

after Terrance Hayes

Jesus be an undeniable body of carbon. be the spitting twist, be the pop sound. be a childish liquor, something my mama takes out of the pantry. bless the sick day, holy in numbers. bless my black mama for believing my crimson throat. this time. the wine is a crystal piss color—it is a sweet burp. Jesus did the two-step on a river of ginger ale. let my sisters split their bread and open the green liter. our bottled pharmacy & bubbled protection. let my brothers clean their wounds in a glass. if I should die before the next sun, know God likes his soda. know His beard is a wet nest of bubbly. Jesus be as convenient as they say you are, the all-purpose kind of drink. be a beacon for black boys who gag. a cultural beverage. Jesus halt the stomach aches, and smooth the grooves out of a gun hole. bring every sneaker home, blood, toes, and all. be a remedy and a political stance. tell the folks a little something about hell. that it was never a country of fire, but a forgone sickness.