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In The Soul Conveys Itself in Shadow / El alma se mueve en la sombra, editors Kythe Maryam Heller and Carolina Gómez-Montoya position English within a constellation, one point on a journey that is both cyclical and fresh. Here, translation means intimate, living relationships that expand beyond language and that model social practice. The result is a life-affirming language all its own.

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