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The continents collide
like Sumo wrestlers,
groaning with cumbrous movement
of mountains raised, until

one subducts: one,
crushed beneath the foot of the other,
slips into the inferno
of inner earth and disassembles—
black to less black,
heavy to light—
then rises,
to live again
in clouds of ash.

—Dianna Black