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Recommendation (Number 9)

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Recommendations for Reducing the Risk of Human Immunodeficiency
Virus Transmission by Blood and Blood Products*

Some cities keep making musical chairs
of a home. Some money ends. Shortfall
and away we go. I belong

to a new house. The room lit by the red
roof of the house next door. The first night
three cards: *Magic, Lamentation,*

Liberty. Second night, I cut my hand
reaching for a knife above the shelf
hidden for the sake of a child.

Blood resists form, handful of mercury.
After the hurricane, I tried to
offer mine. After every

disaster, deferred—in spite of a red
sign that says *We are always in need.*