

Layers

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Layered levels of living,
earth-red sherds scattered,
and a few stones,
are ancient cities' cumulus.

Road cuttings uncover
earth's ancient layers
and a fossil lizard.
In hillside's strata
rock's flowlines follow land's fold.

Jordan valley,
meeting of the planet's plates;
the salt sea's mutant blue
scarce visible through haze,
Land's edge, and desert.

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