

BEN LERNER

LATE IN THE FORM

Named after every figure of the *Nueva
Canción*, her hair weighed more than
I want to say collected rain

But I know better, my phone selected
Because it features minor key tonality, simple
Harmonic progressions, social themes

Like line and color, *Thanks to life*
Sounds strange in English, not that I know
How it sounds in Spanish, when I speak

My phone listens: *Call Ariana*
Call everyone, a major feeling is upon me
It respects no formal innovation save

Those depicting rain against the window
On the bus ride home, familiar turns
Invested suddenly with pathos, homage to

La Negra, my accent is no good
Victor Jara, they named a minor planet
Orbiting a stellar remnant after you

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