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“i walk to stay alive”

here I am
minimally invasive surgeon officer
kimchi-craving vegetarian
a buddhist with a M9
walking a shielded treadmill
my makeshift path in eastern Afghanistan
black gym shorts, Army reflective belt, dingy gray shirt

no map
i walk on a moving platform
heavy-duty
stuck in the same place
everyday for months
adds to eight hundred miles away from war
i walk
to stay alive

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