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## Muse

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by Sam Rice

I am standing straight  
with wide arms, limbs arced  
with the curvature of your  
hips but please—allow me  
to beg at your heels  
(you look sublime  
from the bottom up)

I am giving you my desk  
space, lead and brain  
so let me have it, now,  
get your voices—  
whispers and cries, rage and  
effervescent love—release  
the embrace from my  
straining forehead and fall,  
like the crumbling cap  
of a mountain, onto the page.