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Heron Heart

I'm thankful my beloved's heart
is more patient than any mink
working the bank, and even though
I wade out into her deep riffle,
dark enough for nervous trout,
she waits for me to find my lie,
holds me there with a stare
I pray will linger like a thin bone
caught at the back of my throat.

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