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Coyote Tells the Story of Loving His Brother

As we slept on the bank
of the long, slow pool,
in light scattered
between willow branches,
I dreamt he hunted
the near field and caught
a rabbit who took his tongue
and carried it into his belly.

I gave him mine, and now
my children trail after his yelp
along the river where I woke
and tried to lick away this story
that crawled from my skull,
through the green milkweed
into his ears.

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