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# WATERING STONES

Madeline Kelly

*a response to Mary Oliver*

let me be a source of water,  
drink deep from the well of my throat,  
look past my lips to the darkened  
living room of this world.  
there's a figure  
leaning on the cold hearth stealing  
*stop* from my throat  
selling it to you.

*help* is half price, the market is flooded  
with too many of these dull grey pebbles  
laying quietly sealed in jars  
now too dead to whisper anything.

you who drink from me greedy,  
like a child without restraint  
water passing over our chin  
drinking as you kneel at that fireplace  
exalting the thief of my words—

*I love you*

*I love you*

*I love you.*

stones with jagged edges falling  
from your tongue passing over  
our chin like water.  
coming to lay underfoot with the rest  
of the gravel that is pressed against  
my cheek.