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A rock is growing in me.
Strange, how once I trusted
the certainty of its size.
But now, defying me,
it grows.

I must adapt to the expansion
I avoid water,
knowing I would sink.
I must not remain still
for I settle quickly into the earth.

I try moving
and hope that the motion
will slow the permanent growing
of the rock.
Each step is a difficult distance.
The rock increases
forcing my blood
through the surface of my body.

My legs stiffen
and refuse all living motion.
I watch my blood dry
like paint on a statue.

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