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What's Left for the World to Say?

Meghan E. Kelley

When the mountain's echo shouts to the sea,
When edges of waves break through plastic surface,
When yellow foam and sulfur sky muffle a distant sob
that bends into soundless space—

There is no satellite to sense a quake's body blow.
There is no whale to make music from stray memory.
There is no sand to slip through an empty hourglass.

Once the drone of flies cannot float in air,
Once the hiss of cicadas cannot sound,
Once all the earth that's left

is closed
in a single casket—

where do you bury a blue, dead planet?