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Hadaway: Why the River

WHY THE RIVER

Meredith Davies Hadaway

because it is a body

because it rises in our sweat,
marries our breath to the cold

because it spills light back to us
and hoards our shadows

because it leaves when gravity insists
but always comes back

because it traps the clouds so we can sail across
both heaven and earth

because it carries our tears, swells
with our salt

because it is a body

because it bears our weight