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## Poem

*by Candida Maurer*

The silence of madness grows  
in her head wandering  
snake-like around words  
she swallows herself in circles  
the weight of stones  
twist her tongue, she holds  
the rage of fish in her fists  
caught by the silence  
of mud. she is the river  
gathering behind her eyes  
it is this she has feared  
there is no limit  
to the depth of the water.