

THE EARTH ISN'T ELSEWHERE AND OTHER POEMS

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the wooden framework
of our bones
of our immorality
of the tortoise on top
as it rises from the waters
of all the tortoises
all the way down
standing on each other
rising from the waters
and I and you, you and I
rising with them to the
green leaves, light, and
holinesses creating,
sustaining, and
embracing all of us

THE WORLD EMPTIES MY HEART

the sounds of silence forgetting,
of a left open mirror,
of an open doorway,
of emerging new things
reaches my ears

COBBLESTONE TRAILS

cobblestone trails of my poetry
of my poetic footsteps
the seemingly
immense distances
of tilting sketches
and frail rhythms
words and verse
dogging my footsteps
tapping on my shoulders
swinging pendulums

amidst tentative

dreams brought to life

these, the cobblestone

trails to my poetry

this, my poetry

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