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Untitled I

Gentle, and more gentle still
like flowers, but fallen
or half drowned,
these small words like seeds
that grow into islands —
I see you have found the flat shadows
of mountains and the ends of meanings.

I cannot begin,
not knowing the way,
not believing the sign;
I wait and forget
and return —
The vining hand, this
branching sentence remains.
You remark upon the time.