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Rivulets of Rain

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Cochlear shells break
saline rises in my eyes
too much too much
I fall blue
into blue
into blue
on the shoreline
relentless waves
hospice-colored clouds
shadows cast
transparent
now I see
into you
your skin, your loss
the uncountable years
of pain
so that I too turn
translucent, bare
-ly visible
oh god, oh
god
I can't.
this break
-ing this sorrow
its full-stone weight
crushing
the perimeter

of my heart
now—I must
quickly quickly
to slim window
steady my gaze
on ray of winter-
solstice light
trace rivulets
of rain weeping
weep
-ing
down
the
pane

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