

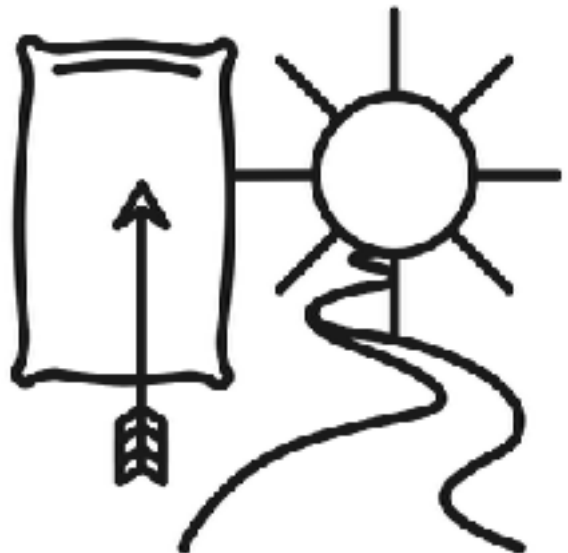
honor ash

one day

just like the rest of them
pregnant thoughts blossom
as you contemplate the reality of their (singular) form
with a cold and heavy sigh

working its way around your eyelashes
a (singular) tear filled with mineral excess
finally clearing out all that bottled water residue
from when you worked in the city

they (singular) told you
that they (singular) wanted you
to touch their (singular) heart
and your mind hasn't stopped racing ever since



thankful and whole

we shed our worries

into the other's hands

YOU CAN'T SEE ME

I AM SMALL AND CRYING OUT

MY HAND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IT TOUCHES

MY HEART DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IT FEARS

AND I AM HERE WITH YOU

FOR YOU

**MORE POWERFUL THAN I
COULD EVER IMAGINE
TAKING STEPS TO TURN
THE FLOW THE RIVER
POINTS TOWARDS THE SEA
AND I AM FLOATING YOU
ARE CAUGHT IN MY HAIR I
AM GOING TO CUT IT OFF**

ONE DAY



**you have a child now
a willowy absorbent sapling
almost two years on this earth
and an anchor in perpetuity**

**the earth moves, shakes
ashy remains collecting
your chest echoes the ground
as a secret bursts the banks**

**we tell the tale of parallel
moving forward
ever alongside
never touching**

**call it a rust-bucket
is it the same car
if you've replaced every part?**



FIGURE IT OUT! YOU CAN DO IT; YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE -IF YOU WANT- IF YOU TAKE IT! IT'S SITTING ON THE PATH AT YOUR FEET AND MAKING A MOURNFUL MOANING SOUND (YOU HEARD IT ONCE BEFORE OUT OF YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW ON A SWELTERING SUMMER NIGHT). I KNOW YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ALONE BUT IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE THERE FOR YOU IF YOU JUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP; TRUST ME!

