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Along Grajena River

I helped the peach to braid itself.

Why did you already shut your mouth on the mountain? The sled

rolls, turns round its axles. It runs with

dogs and moose.

Boka is an ink stain.

Cut into the icy slope

and scattered powder. The stone gives heat. Ormož begs a hen.

I am Ban's daughter. I played piano in Poker,

the garden did not keep. Surely I must have died.

Translated from the Slovenian by Brian Henry and the author from Gozd in kelihi (Woods and Chalices); Harcourt, 2008 (87–88)