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APPEAL

Say, *ripple*. Hold it in your mouth.  
That is what I am when I think of you.

I wrote, *The slugs here are orange*.  
But I meant: *longing*—

*everything is out of its shell, littering the grass.*

The lake shuffles as a card deck.  
I can't single out a card; I can't single out a wave.

Or what it means to hold you in my mouth.