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## Natural Disaster

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*Natural Disaster*

me twelve hours the mountain  
shape shifting snow-ghost see  
God's vowels lilt with wind  
get this straight: no one died  
nothing was said my mouth said  
nothing thought avalanche

upon avalanche split vibration  
cracks a snowfield my body deserves  
this burying spine crumple  
breakers snort the fall a whistle  
helmetless head maytags  
slopes the curve body apology

circumspect my mouth says nothing  
breathes hardly even a wound  
nothing diamonds barrel down  
rain under say drowning  
that pressure leash to board  
to air open O day's salt temple

O circulate thrash a space  
for mouth spit or open mouth  
gravity rings liquid or air down  
up degree depending what did you do  
what can you do but open  
the mouth lie dilate

pearl vertebrae circle  
in a dish diamond nerves blind  
my O body an O of steel breaks  
each thud a gasp a vowel of nothing  
eye to foot holy space for head my mouth  
please please keep me quiet me