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## Pond Things in Drought

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*Pond Things in Drought*

Watch the agony break apart like an ice cap  
in the having of a sandwich.  
It will come back to drown you later,  
Floridians, Brooklynites. Keep this in mind,  
that cresting waves may illuminate a northbound cue of fish.

When we embrace, breasts move aside like iron gates opening.  
Our hearts peek at each other like child emperors.  
The sadness of immortal things blossoms,  
a fragrance which draws international crowds,  
and makes wounded birds of Maui hotels.  
I deliver a little speech from behind my handkerchief,  
since I hear that speeches are on the up and up.

I admire your beautiful South American hair.  
But one day you and I both will  
know the panic of pond things in drought.