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Atmospheric River

(In a city where rivers float in the sky)

braiding through cedars & buildings
like a sentence in a poem,
rivers rise as raindrops.

A city,
Heron-still —
staring into Sound
stones polishing words — storm-galoshing
songs.

Before long, river-rain
makes watercolors of us,

gathers in its clay-blue turbidity:
vanishing sunbreaks & glaciers,
the neighborhood breakfast spot,
beaver's lodge packed with wildflowers,
stinging green of spring nettles,
eddies of garlic in a small kitchen
full of laughter,
tumbling sediment of dreams — fictions and
fishes.

Sometimes, I'm a stone, mossy,
sometimes awash in whorling passage.

Sometimes, on a ferry
full of passengers, we greet the water
that connects us in torrents
of riverine imagination.

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