

From *Mare Liberum*:

winter rain
headlines trickle down
a vacant driveway

how many
become one
sound of rain

darkness...
a moth carries
its own light

tears
during grandma's funeral...
from unseen mountains
the Columbia River flows
into the sea

涙せし祖母の葬式...遥かなる山より海へとコロンビア川行く

(for Betty)

unheard rainstorm
drowning within
a digital sea

before I leave
I wrap you in a blanket
and whisper:
let go of all desire
sleep without fear this night

high tide
the steep cliff
lowers itself

yesterday's tide
the deep cave
echoes

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