Silence

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listen for the moment
    when we know our names
and shake loose the dust of
    the worlds that spin between
us two lost tops, trembling
    like fingers, reaching
to touch the lips of Paradise

and taste the space
    between word and echo
like the waters of Styx, we forget
    how to turn [the world in]
a phrase

and make the words anew.

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