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What do you think?

I don't believe in mountains,
they are too tall, too wide,
take up too much space
to reveal small truth.

Do you trust them?

I don't trust glass doors
or walking bridges above
fifty feet. I'm afraid
of transparency.

Why are you scared?

I don't know much about myself
or about gardening because
everything I touch wilts,
dying in my arms.

How do you grow?

I don't think I can have children.
Something in me hums
with hollowing
stale youth.

Do you want kids?

I don't want to take another pill
or smile when my throat
is tight with frustration
like a baby's fist.

Why do you pretend to be happy?

I don't believe that roses take root
but I am willing to try
again, and again
if you are.

What else do we have to lose?

