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River Song

I stand in the water
the water this river
I stand in the water
the water this river
I stand in the water
the water this river
& the sky it goes silver
I stand in the water
the water this silver
I stand in the water
the sky this water
I stand in the river
the river no water
I stand in the water

This Us

If given time
a minute even
to pause & think
over the mulch
that is our years
we
thrown side by side
assaulted by days
our constant retreat
into the brunt
of what whittles us
of what we love
& live for
the same thing
we know
we moan
if given that minute
we would
what ?
gasp
grab each other
weep
or set our faces
to face
what follows
& ask
will it drag us
down
but already
we are
already

& always
 down
then how
 or why
are we atmosphere
 shouldering
 our own climate
 as if one sky
 as if together
we shaped the sound
 of what awaits us
breaks us
 here
so we can put each other
 back
 together
in the dark
 no light
 to blind
 or guide us
nothing to distract
 us
from us