

## **Stones In The River**

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There's a crack in the glass where the water gets out  
There's a dusty wind when the heart's in drought  
And the map of the world looks as if true north  
Disappeared entirely

I can live divided or bent  
Conspire in my own diminishment  
Or believe in the better world I've dreamt  
That grows from inside out

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And the current takes them out into forever  
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So we trust in a dim flashlight  
And always walk into available light  
I'm not a woman inclined to bet  
But it's never failed me yet

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The empty self still hears the call  
To live in the center of the ache and awe  
It's there the hope of the whole world shines  
And yes, there still is time

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