

## Between Words

Between words,  
our silences pool  
in shallow fragments of sky  
under the liquid fingers  
of evergreen trees  
after the summer *serein*.  
The sky drips endlessly  
from the branches,  
and the drops fall wordless  
from the drenched green voices  
of the leaves.

What else is left for ourselves  
after the blue rain  
of this evening is gone?  
Between your words and mine,  
our silences pool—  
and they are as much mine  
as they are yours.

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