

## **Nature**

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My hand fondles your round shape  
that feels smoother under the water  
that tumbles down your creek  
When wet, your color is blood red  
receding to gray when exposed to the air  
that would continue smoothing your edges  
if given a chance

## **Rainy Day**

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Pearl gray clouds  
blot the sky—  
create a perfect canvas  
for November trees  
ripe with tangerine leaves  
candle-lighting the sky with their flame  
A gentle rain tends the fire  
bringing life-giving dew to  
parched summer faces