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## GAIA'S DESTINY

some sons of Gaia save by the drop,  
squander by the bucket,  
then rage at river's thirsty end  
where stingy schools of listless trout  
gape for breath  
in dwindled spawning beds

salamander and salmon  
osprey and orangutan  
follow Ishi unknowingly  
into the unknown realms  
of never-were

Mother Earth weeps glacier-tears  
seismically heaves depleted breasts  
opens wide volcano howls  
releasing molten lava poisons  
sobs hurricane-wails  
into petroleum-laden skies  
washes her wounds with tsunami waves

and wonders if this is her last breath