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Love Poem Stuttering towards a Metaphor

As a river remains
faithful, finding
its way down
down the mountain, switching
this way and that
round block and boulder,
sometimes held up
by beavers
with their own ideas
of rest and refrain,
pushed aside
by mudslides
and snow,
ditched and ditching,
a new channel
and then the rush
the awkward rush
and rain, more rain—

let me falter
towards the sea.

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