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After the death of both parents

Coyote finds me by the lupine  
where I've paused beside a creek

drawn to the gurgle & swirl of eddies,  
the lift of dragonfly. There are no borders

between us, I undone a marvelous breath  
of blue thrush across sky & space to grieve

how moss fastens skull, how we return.  
Coyote stares from behind scrub & boulder,

bows her head. I want to touch her.  
I want to know when I will feel gratitude

for having loved so well.  
Coyote trots away & I watch her go.



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