

Being Human, by Climbing PoeTree

_I wonder if the Sun debates dawn _some mornings_ _not wanting to rise_ out of bed _from under the down-feather horizon_ _if the sky grows tired_ of being everywhere at once _adapting to the mood_ _swings of the weather_ _if clouds drift off_ _trying to hold themselves together_ _make deals with gravity_ _to loiter a little longer_ I wonder if rain is scared of falling if it has trouble letting go _if snow flakes get sick_ _of being perfect all the time_ _each one_ _trying to be one-of-a-kind_ _I wonder if stars wish_ _upon themselves before the die_ _if they need to teach their young_ how to shine _I wonder if shadows long_ to just-for-once feel the Sun if they get lost in the shuffle _not knowing where they're from_ _I wonder if sunrise_ and sunset _respect each other_ _even though they've never met_ if volcanoes get stressed if storms have regrets if compost believes in life _after death I wonder if breath ever thinks of suicide _if the wind just wants to sit_ _still sometimes_ _and watch the world pass by_ _if smoke was born _knowing how to rise_ _if rainbows get shy back stage_ _not sure if their colors match right_

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l wonder if lightning sets an alarm clock
to know when to crack
if rivers ever stop
and think of turning back
if streams meet the wrong sea
and their whole lives run off-track
l wonder if the snow
wants to be black
if the soil thinks she's too dark
if butterflies want to cover up their marks
if rocks are self-conscious of their weight
if mountains are insecure of their strength
I wonder if waves get discouraged
crawling up the sand
only to be pulled back again
to where they began
if land feels stepped upon
if sand feels insignificant
if trees need to question their lovers
to know where they stand
if branches waver at the crossroads
unsure of which way to grow
if the leaves understand they're replaceable
and still dance when the wind blows
I wonder
where the Moon goes
when she is in hiding
l want to find her there
and watch the ocean
spin from a distance
listen to her
stir in her sleep
effort give way to existence
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