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before...

when moon and stone
 were the bulwark
against which everything pushed
 and blood
 the first syllable
in the body's cup

when the pulse
 at the base of the spine
 was a seahorse
galloping

before Raven
 tore open history's bag
or the equines rode
 the rock face of Lascaux

when *time was the mind of the stars*
 as Pythagoras says
and the bright arms of motion
 our first song