

3 Among the Possibilities

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A Calling

While you can,
find the beautiful

obscured within
the lattice of the ordinary.

Among the choices,
let awe be your purpose.

Incentive

The reward for kindness
is the kiss you give yourself.
There are no others.

If Then Statement

If, when the fist of God
punches your lungs empty,
you remember the sudden song
the air makes, forced out
between startled lips,

and can transcribe
that momentary music
to something another might
understand in its terrible beauty,
then you might be an artist.

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