Circumstance

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Water Music

In a time of drought,
the sound of rain is sweet
and joyful music.
In a time of floods,
the sound of rain is shrill
and bitter music,
like the cawing of crows
triangulating their prey.

Human Conditions

The body moves in simple ways
it can but shouldn't. Pull

a muscle, twist a nerve- we seem
to be designed to suffer.

Without Regard

Systems do what systems do,
without regard for you.
Too much water in Houston,
too much fire in Oregon.
Systems do what systems do-
with absolutely no regard for you.

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