

# 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.

