

# in caring

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affection growing in peculiar places  
streams flowing upwards flowing outwards  
familiar people passing closely  
faces we recognize but cannot place  
reticent things said in murmurs  
    rings held between hands held between teeth  
words written in french written in script  
stems wrapped in petals wrapped in paper  
lipstick on a napkin in the wind  
trepidatious brushing hands  
    a green river rushing at night  
water flowing backward up the mountain  
things we sign with a heart  
what we only write for ourselves  
those we care for in secret

