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Cannonball in Blue, B-Flat Minor

Gracie
gave her promise to the cat, he is more
than I in this restless water
soluble condition

To place emphasis
upon the lives of those who've been
rebuked by someone else's
I, I
say and think and strike up silence
worthy of the river's
muscles that, by definition, lay
atop the rising waters with
mind-body ghosts

Of alphabets that visit me alone
from time to time
in black, non-photo blue, and
red, the wall
of conversation comes
back down to cling, to hold on to