

# States of being

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Stability is greatly  
overrated.

Why would I ever want to sit  
still and smug as a rock,  
confident, because of my great  
weight, that I will not  
be moved?

Better to be soft as water,  
easily troubled, with  
at least three modes  
of being, able to shape-  
shift, to mirror, to cleanse,  
to drift downstream,

To roar when I encounter  
the rock.