

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.