

Sea of Galilee: Aerial view

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From a satellite the Sea of Galilee
looks like my heart, but dark. Jesus
walked beside it one day. He said,
“come I will return the blood
to the empty space.” They say dark
matter makes up most of this place,
which neither emits, nor absorbs light.
From this height the green moss around
the sea masks the fact of mostly desert.
The mountains to the east must be
my lungs. I breathe in the nothing that is
actually everything. Moss from the sea,
full of fish and leaves and other debris
might make its way to me on the jet stream
anchor itself in my esophagus. Jesus told me
to fish in this sea. Cast my net, take up
my boat, because I might bring someone
up out of the water. Someone to fill my heart
with fish and sand. Blood and bark.