consummation

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earth will have her own way with hunger

green springing up devouring light

roots singing down into darkness

seeking water

rivers hurling themselves to the sea

that, too, is hunger

tides eating up shores

falling and rising

teased by the moon

and the mountains mute in their mystery

repaying the eagle and the forest

everything hungers here

even the sand mingling with wind

scours then savors all into nothingness

remember

it is not their plenty or scarcity that we honor

but desire