

The Secret

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When words fail
silence with its face of terror
approaches with empty hands.
So few grasp these seemingly useless fingers
with their own.
If you would pray,
clasp these hands.
But always remember—
they will speak on their own
only when they will.
Discover their singular power
In sitting still.

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