

Dirigo

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and water is
the medium for reversion
so to be viewed from shore
drunk or laved in
blessed with
and in the desert guided
but not swum in or
embarked upon as if to seek return to an
impossible age of origin
no your grant
is land and you must march high and away to keep
the dry the medium of advance
configure
with dirt and rock and ash and bone while rain and flood
come only to go
though you may turn and look down
at sunlight's movement on bay
never regretting