

## Mel Bentley

fish move slow  
continue and  
remain  
still  
lo slip of fish  
quiet in the rocks  
sleeps never sleeping  
softly hung  
with mucus  
slightly made and  
still, remain, still  
slow, continues slow  
and smelling band  
of muscle bended  
band of stream slipping  
into fish whispered like  
some sleep sucked  
whispering of fish  
flipped and fitted  
a stream a band  
of muscle bended  
gentle smelling  
all the sounds  
of fish moving  
and remains  
slightly made  
with mucus some

smell  
like sleep  
a sucking  
slip of fish  
watered  
feeling  
sounded  
through  
one fish

lined lineated limnedh  
through the sounded  
smelling water of  
turbine of filter  
feeding on sound  
like water some  
filtered body  
in and made from  
streaming filter  
body in and made  
of sound like water some  
filter feeding  
while the song does  
song  
does not belonging to  
the singer sings  
the singer  
found the singing does  
the song  
the song does  
not belonging  
to  
in breath  
washed  
through wet fans  
of lung of combing  
lungs  
lunged  
fanned and wet  
and washed and  
breathing

fish half sleep  
half move  
swim slow  
by rocks  
in shadow  
wedged and  
hidden half-  
awake  
bodies  
moving  
movingly  
quiescent,  
eyes turned  
back in wide-  
eyed daydream

looking for the moon  
and missing it  
sounds out some  
attenuated  
calling in of  
wet  
inventory  
nothing builds out  
but a machined  
attention  
still and still and  
steeling itself and  
everything thinking

fish feel sound  
they swim to  
see inside it  
see through  
the touch of  
waves seen  
feelingly with  
sounded body  
full of sounds full  
of the touch of  
wave sign

fin limbed buds  
flap fluked  
flimbs  
embryonic  
rock-cased  
gill arched in  
suspension of an  
inner ear  
where hanging is a  
drum of bone  
rigging cochlea  
orbital eyeholes  
kicked out in bone  
carpets layered fossils  
in frag amnion