

Praise the Rain

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Praise the rain; the seagull dive
The curl of plant, the raven talk—
Praise the hurt, the house slack
5 The stand of trees, the dignity—
Praise the dark, the moon cradle
The sky fall, the bear sleep—
Praise the mist, the warrior name
The earth eclipse, the fired leap—
10 Praise the backwards, upward sky
The baby cry, the spirit food—
Praise canoe, the fish rush
The hole for frog, the upside-down—
Praise the day, the cloud cup
15 The mind flat, forget it all—

Praise crazy. Praise sad.
Praise the path on which we're led.
Praise the roads on earth and water.
20 Praise the eater and the eaten.
Praise beginnings; praise the end.
Praise the song and praise the singer.

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