

# does the sea ever say

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does the sea ever say  
"I am not the ocean"  
and would the river  
ever  
5 discriminate  
against even  
a single  
rain drop?  
does the pond ever consider the lake  
10 to be anything less  
than kin?  
and do you think the stream  
would ever dream  
of feeling inferior to the channel  
15 or the channel ever  
regard the stream in any other way  
than magnificent in its soothing beauty?

no

20 it is people who have decided  
to categorize themselves  
away from each other,  
create beliefs to pin themselves  
25 against each other,  
and construct hierarchies  
in pursuit of  
dominance over each other's bodies

30 all of this  
in the name of power

water of course  
sighs at these strategies

35 for  
water

40 knows the true power  
of falling  
from heaven  
and  
owning more earth  
than  
45 land ever will