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## Artist Statement

words, wounds linger  
 picking at each others spines  
 a breath      silence  
 for another voice to speak

the body remembers  
 You cannot remember  
 the thing you did tomorrow

the rocks  
 tumble down in waves

get me to the ground  
 I just lost my baby  
 the rocks now    in waves  
 tumble down    in waves  
    in waves

How do you feel your own body?

have a conversation  
 about something you can't  
                                  remember  
 with words that don't exist

converse with  
 lose

it's like eating rocks

now  
 move your finger  
 feel  
 the internal embrace of  
 love

our bodies (remember), rocks  
 crush and cradle  
 as we tumble through  
 artificial landscapes



















