

POEM



Words

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Whose word could be truthful enough
for the stone to accept it?

Who could have beauty enough
to speak for the rose?

Who could be innocent enough
to utter what's at the heart
of a wolf or a goldfish?

Whose word could be grounded
in love enough to sound
what is most deeply human?

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