

Words In the Water

Thrice

Standing knee-deep in cold water, swiftly moving
Somehow, I knew I lost something Wading waist-deep I saw a book there, in the river
Waiting for me to find it there
I tried to read it, neck deep, treading water
The tide pulled me out to sea Then with water in my eyes
The words began to rise from their place
They were beautiful and dread
I reached for them and fed on each phrase
They were honey on my lips
Then a bitter twist in my side.
I knew they'd lay me in my grave
"Is there no one who could save me?" I cried Sinking down deep through cold water and heavy silence
Shadows stirring in the gloom
What things lay sleeping down deep in the darkness?
Woke there to find me in my tomb Then with water in my eyes
The words began to rise from their place
They were beautiful and dread
I reached for them and fed on each phrase
They were honey on my lips
Then a bitter twist in my side
I knew they'd lay me in my grave
"Is there no one who can save me?" I cried When i lost all hope to look
Someone took that heavy book from my hands
All its weight they set aside
After they had satisfied its demands
I felt white and black reverse
And the lifting of a curse from my heart
Then like one receiving sight
I beheld a brilliant light in the dark

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