

Are Poets Essential Workers?

We could have been marketers or politicians
but chose honest path through forest
moonless nights, and deep-listened back
millions of years to ancient DNA for
rivers, salmon, waterfalls, medicinal images and plants,
wild berries, marriage meadows, snowy passes,
sheltering caves, and, when needed, burial grounds
to remember our dead who moved on but speak
through us with healing or centering words.

One leaf glowing with sun will do it.

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