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## Five Versions Of Rain

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BY TRICIA MAPES

It is the oil in the machine, said the mechanic,  
It makes mother earth run effortlessly.

It is the paint on the brush, said the artist,  
It soaks into the paper holding every color.

It is the sweat of ambition, said the coach,  
It gives a reason to keep running.

It is a kiss on your cheek, said the grandmother,  
It is proof that the heavens love you.

It is the blood in our veins, said the doctor,  
It allows everything to live and breathe.



UNDER A WATERFALL

JEANNE FIANO