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it sits alone
in a cold, dirty fridge
deceiving in its Spring Water decor
everyone knows it is a guise
simple tap water in a recycled bottle

yet everyday I am drawn to it
mornings awakened with a raspy throat
evenings when the liquor still coats my tongue
sweaty fingers groping after Billy Blank’s
heated attack

it’s not real and I already know this as
I pull the silver handle on my boxy
red fridge
as I swallow greedily I accept its faults

come on now - haven’t we all been the
Genesee River, envious of the
Poland Spring?

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