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WHEN I SEE YOU, I SEE YOU IN WORDS

Your words are water
from a waterfall flowing,
cascading downward
splashing into a peaceful pool
where the riverbed below is stimulated.

I am the earth—the rocks, the clay, the sand, and soil—
forming the riverbed
your rippling words gracefully
caress me
as they flow over the soils of me, evaporating
into my skin and hair
they remain within me—a part of me

Your words are like a sweet, warm, spring rain
clear, refreshing beads saturating my porous surface—
although some drops never come in contact,
disappearing downstream beside me.
I am now just an onlooker
and do not keep close track of them
They escape from view.

When I feel you, I feel comforting water.
when I touch you, I touch ever-moving life
when I see you, I see in words.