Anne Powell’s poems reach from the soul-baring Waikanae River all the way across the earth to cascades of stars over cold desert sand. At times focusing on the wealth of wisdom nature imparts upon patient observation, at others on the daily realities of those people who live beyond our familiar trajectories, Anne Powell stays grounded in her ability to see the sacred in a world of both stillness and disturbance.

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**Of all beginnings**

At Huka Falls

I stand silenced

by the power and purity

of water.

Hukanui!

You thunder through the cathedral

cleft of granite

anointing me with your spray

that empowers me to live

the channel carved out for me.

I feel the wildness of your current call me

to the deeply hidden spring

of all beginnings.

Your flying spray

blesses my faltering steps.

Branches offer their limbs

like Easter people fresh from washing.