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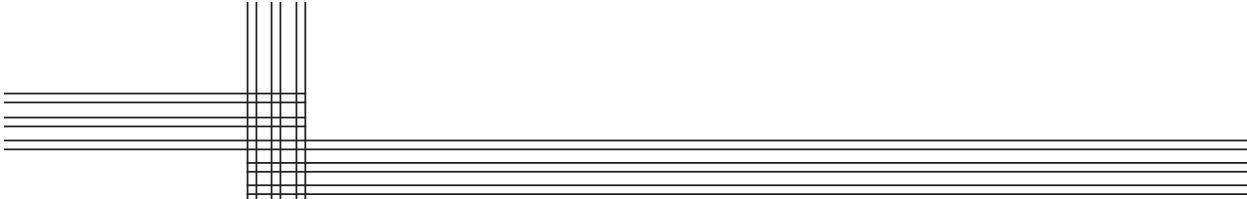
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**God-talk**  
(Benedictine)  
by Bernadette Dodge

In the rock tumbler  
where my mind clatters,  
                            chips,  
                            and cracks  
against my heart, I find you listening.

I hear you  
in the clinking,  
                    tumbling,  
                    swirling  
of broken pieces and newly polished sight.

There is a silence  
within your speaking  
                    that I want to fall  
                    into.

Like breath  
it is without  
force:  
receiving,  
emanating.

