

# We Write What We Want to Know

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I want to know why water has the right of way  
where God dwells near zenith or nadir  
why you see stars better peripherally  
why some people have a fear of trees  
I want to know how rust is beautiful  
why we hide inside our childhood  
why I still have all my fingers  
the source of Northern Lights  
why horses sleep standing up  
I want to know a false dawn  
why we step out of doorways  
how to sing best in silence  
I want to know why I can't  
remember dreams how to see  
why books are revelation  
why light is like liquid  
I want to write history  
draw stones name things  
make my own Bible see  
in darkness unlearn be  
I want to write what  
we are here for if  
the circle is holy  
books are sacred  
nature heals us  
why I must lose  
what I most love  
I want to know  
more kindness  
more ditches  
more desert  
more shadow  
more grace  
more dawn  
more bone  
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