

When I Write Poetry

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When I write poetry

I reach inside myself

And I feel what can be felt.

If only for a moment ignoring

That my experience is generated by me

Trusting as if future moments

Where the pen will fail to have ink

Will always be within arm's reach of another pen,

I just feel.

But I begin to remember how I felt

A moment ago when I began writing;

And really the poem becomes a place to me

Where I can reliably find a version of myself.