

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 the moments where

The pen fails to have ink

Will always be within arms 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.