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### Certainly, This is What I Want

Certain

things

are

some/things

are the same

sometimes not

the dearth

is too great

sometimes its

over there

behind

traffic cones

and melts before

the sequence

of naked wants

of fools  
and of good folks  
clean notebook pages  
and tulips are good too  
as they open  
their faces  
bend down  
to cup  
the earth

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