

## **Meniscus**

Between the water and the world is a meniscus.

It is the barrier between the H<sub>2</sub>O and the O,

As if one were needed.

From below it is a convex mirror,

As solid and dense as a petri dish.

From above only transparency,

Air and aqua, with nothing between.

You tilt the bottle slowly:

Meniscus widens, narrows, elongates, ellipses and then

As you pour into the glass it vanishes

And in a moment miraculously reappears, like magic,

As elusive as mercury

In a petri dish.

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