

dams

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**beaver teaches us
yet we seldom listen**

**eyes retreat
hearts harden**

**if only we
could reimagine**

**self and earth
earth and self**

**could we dare to live
like the beaver**

**to build, collect, pull
like the beaver**



**where food access
wasn't a luxury**

**basic necessities
didn't need authority**

**shelters for souls
houseless, not homeless**

**if we are life
and life is us**

**can we stop living
as though**

there's only one of us