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my lover is vast wet places with sandy intervals passion flowers with their crowns of thorns

my lover's grasses tug at my heart

i am dry for my lover i am seed-heads

i am open water for him i am where he feeds

i am the sky for him may he cross me with his small wings his broad wings rimmed in black

i am careless with my lover stay away long times but always the night arrives when i wake alone

and he everything takes me back

-- Lola Haskins