

Miserere

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*If I were alone in a desert and feeling afraid,
I would like a child with me.*

—Meister Eckhart

Across the basin
 the blue of mountains, beyond
those waves still more. Not

 rollers and not clouds, they are
animals waking from sleep,

catching a scent, trace
 of the child who, over seas,
picks up a bone flute,

 draws breath, and like a light wind,
a dawn wind, begins to play.