

Lily

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The kindergarten bus bounces past me this morning as  
I shamble out to my car and a little cheerful kid waves  
To me shyly and whatever it is we are way down deep  
Opens like a fist that's been clenched so long it did not  
Think it would ever open again and for a moment I am  
That kid and she is my daughter and I'm waving to her  
Hoping she will wave to me and we think that we can't  
Write that for which we do not have words but actually  
Sometimes you can if you go gently between the words