

## **Drowned Wasp**

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In chasing what we want we learn  
too late our mistake

an ornate cask unable to hold  
anything

a colourless town a dreary task  
a heart of love run dry

the sky not blue enough your  
kids move far from home

a wasp drowns in your afternoon  
coffee

the oyster shell is broken & the  
pearl flawed

Open your fist there is a balm  
there is an open palm