

MADONNA OF RAIN

"Be wet
with a decent happiness."

-- Robert Creeley

Why people stay
inside after
all it's

only another form
of water
rushing to meet
the earth.
Do they run
from their sinks,

showers, do they
strangle their hoses,
drain their pools

and lick
their lips in public
to prove they can

throw away all
their sponges,
towels, their glasses

and pitchers?
It's as though
they are afraid

of what their own
bodies are filled with.
Stick a camellia

in that man's
mouth and he's useful
as a vase.

-- Susan Cobin

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