THE LISTENING GROUND

whispers
recur
from the hollow
hole

i place
my mouth
into empty
space

to kiss
away
the weeping
ghost

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