## Deb Talan, The Gladdest Thing

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Doesn't each of us have a place we belong Could be a sidewalk crack or sad song Inside our searching is desire to etch a silent thought in stone To make our tender heart known

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Everyone wants to be a hero or a savior of small things
I want to be champion of evening, forget not the beauty of the in-betweens

Everyone of us had orphaned our bodies Born from dust of the stars We can comfort each other in this place I can look into your eyes and see my own face

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