

# The Bear Quartet, Big Stretch

never caught in the searchlights  
of anybody else's life  
that's why you stay,  
that's why I won't say:  
"you don't fit in elsewhere anyway babe";

it's a big stretch  
into nothingness  
tracing for something else  
something that doesn't hurt  
or stain your heart  
never mentioned in kind words  
but oh, so often heard  
not even dwarfed  
by our helplessness

in a garbage filled apartment  
where all your time got spent  
and the smell from decades away  
couldn't help you around the bend

it's a big stretch  
into nothingness  
not slowed down  
by our littleness