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BONE  
SHOP  
OF THE  
HEART

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### SONNETS TO ORPHEUS VIII

Where praise already is is the only place Grief  
ought to go, that water spirit of the pools of tears;  
she watches over our defeats to make sure  
the water rises clear from the same rock

that holds up the huge doors and the altars.  
You can see, around her motionless shoulders, a feeling  
dawns—we sense more and more that she  
is the youngest of the three sisters we have inside.

Rejoicing has lost her doubts, and Longing broods on her  
error,  
only Grief still learns; she spends the whole night  
counting up our evil inheritance with her small hands.

She is awkward, but all at once  
she makes our voice rise, sideways, like a constellation  
into the sky, not troubled by her breath.

RAINER MARIA RILKE

*translated by R.B.*

What sower wall  
which hands sow  
our inward seed  
They went out f  
to frozen earth,  
they will sleep t  
greedily, and dr  
and explode it i  
for the sake of  
or a thistle head

Let the young  
Let the calm ha  
It's not all as ev