

# SILENCE IS ALIVE

Do not think for a moment she is complicit—  
silence is very much alive.

She grapples and peels. She listens.

She uncovers eternal truths without raising an arm  
or wielding a weapon to destroy anyone or anything—  
only to cast light on what we've muted  
through our own forgetting--  
only to spark the seed of knowing  
in our God-given heart.

Fear is also silent— he finances and fuels the wars  
that enable and simultaneously disable--  
all that undermines and destroys. Fear is also alive.  
Do you see him? Do you feel him?

If you let him speak, you may recognize his shiny promises.  
Let him speak so that you may hear his circular reasoning.  
Let him speak so that you may realize all the ways  
he runs your life.

Let him speak so that you may meet his primitive logic  
with your loving and powerful silence.

Let him speak so that we may transmute his shadows  
with the power of our collective light.

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