

I AM

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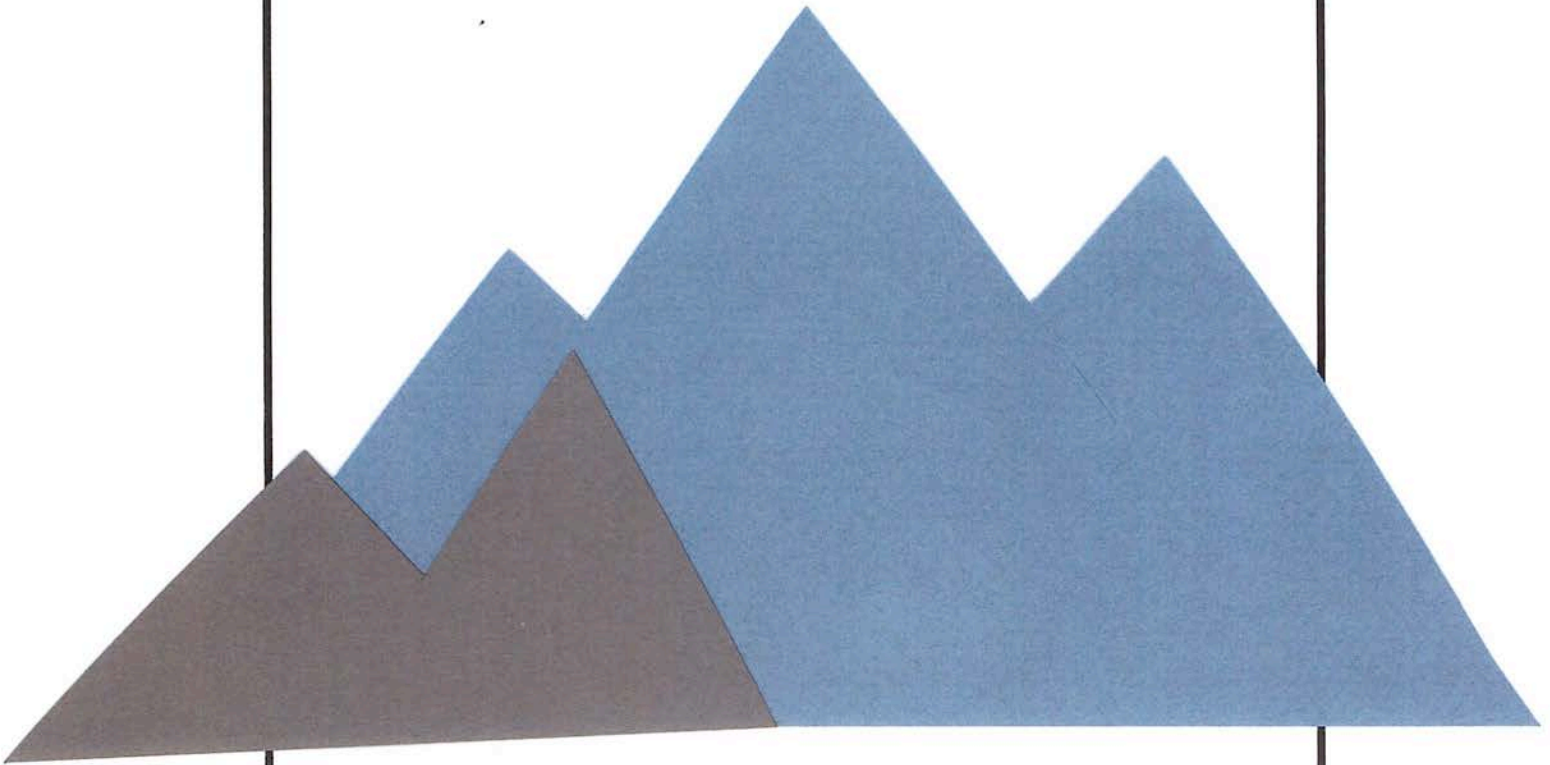
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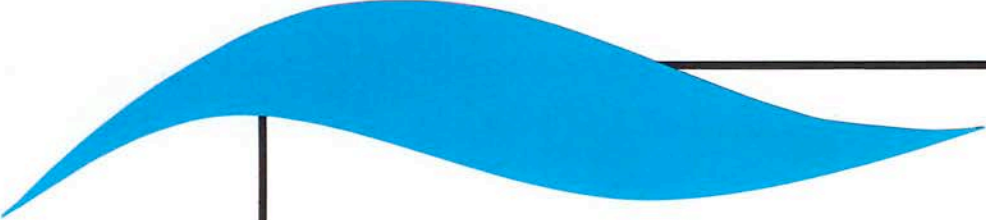
This book is dedicated,
with appreciation
to the natural world
and the sustenance it gives me

I am green hills,
rounded by time.
I am a place to rest,
I am good for nothing you can put a price on.
I was here before you were.
I am an honest answer if you care for one.



I am mountains.
I am a place to hide,
I am things you've never seen.
I am afraid of losing all my secrets,
I am danger on a perfect day.
I am where you have to stand
to touch the sky.





I am the sky.

Yesterday I was cold and leaden and distant.

Today I am bluer than your eyes and
close enough to touch.

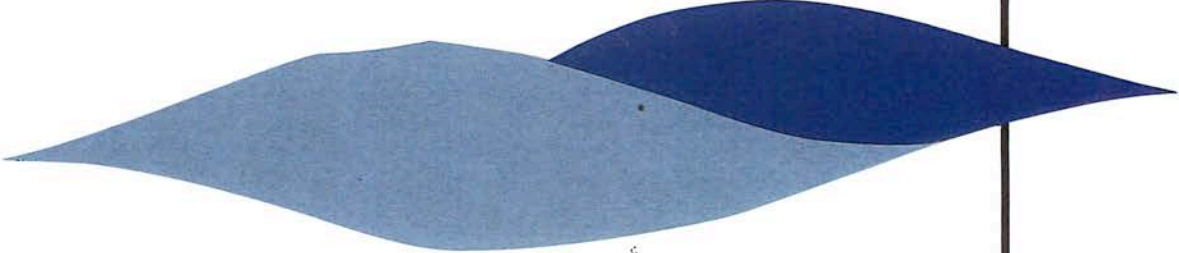
I can be a warning,

I can be a witness,

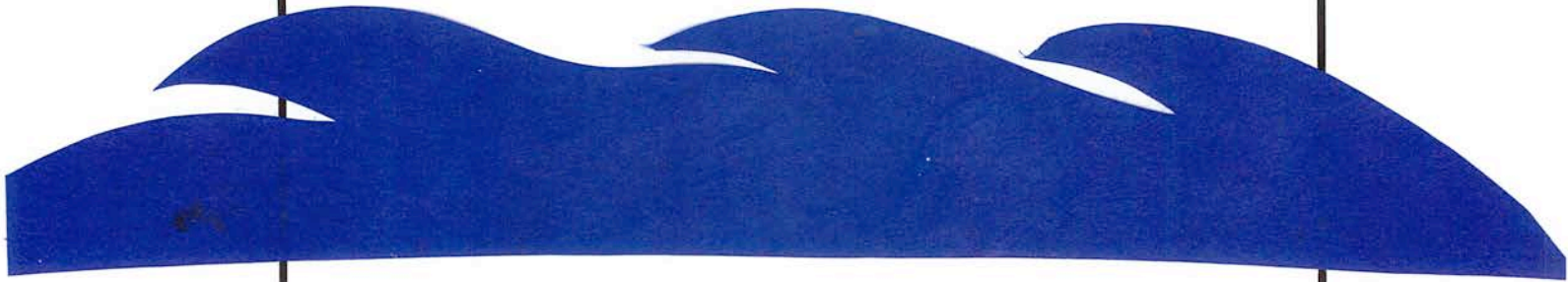
I can be everything you've ever done wrong.

I can be a promise fulfilled.

I am the sky.



I am the cold blue waters
of a nameless lake.
I am deeper than you think,
I am quiet when you let me be,
Cleaner than you deserve,
More fragile than you know.
I contain worlds,
I am the world.
Respect me.



I am a yellow wildflower,
Born this morning,
Dead before you have the pictures developed.
You have one day to know me.

