

“Accretion”

Think *practice* without
immediate result. The way
water imperceptibly shapes
shoreline, carves canyon from
fissure, splits landmass into zones
linked by blue swells. Or the way
layer upon layer of camber builds over
tree trunk, or calcium over living bone
while some brain cells, honed
to instinct by a history of mishaps, may
increase. “Launch many expendable efforts,”
said William Stafford, loved mentor
and maker of poems. He meant
opt for frequency of attempt. And trust
that something unassailable will evolve
the way run-off and tectonic shifts
made eons of microscopic inroads on/below
earth’s surface before a single mountain
made itself known.