

The Long River (2011, 2020)

Charon,

I'll keep my coin,
but I'll help you row your ferry.

O

I know this river all too well:
where rocks pierce the murky water,
they leave a
still moment
in their wake.

Those are my only opportunities to rest between shifts

paddling æons

Charon,

please let me sit with you
on the banks
for a while
as Devonian driftwood
floats on by,

O

I could reach out
and touch
a cælocanth.

Charon,

I'll keep my coin,
because
all

I

seek

is

land.