

Collecting Stones and Sea-shells Along A Coast Beach

Imagine how chunks of mountain

break and move down-river.

Confident and determined,

the mountain rock becomes a stone

awash upon a west coast beach.

Imagine that shell-fish snatched up by an eagle

or other sea bird becomes a sea-shell

found on a coast beach.

Standing on the banks

of a mountain river bank,

he looks at a small stone

and looks at a sea-shell,

then he re-affirms his responsibility

to his community

and his territory.