

Sonnet Scroll

Etymology

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The ancient root for our word God means ‘call’,
and now, it seems as if the wind might lure
even the stones to find their special voice.

Imagine it, their cry, accompanied
by frogs, and lambs, and birds, and birds, and birds,
whole forests pulling low notes from their roots,

and you and I, and squirrels, kangaroos,
the seeds of tiny things, like violets,
the boulders in the Pyrenees, and whales,

a hint, may be, of what the end may be,
catastrophe, cacophony, release—
or possibly, in answer to our cry,

some giddy capability out there,
provoking us to find our joyful noise.