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## Beautiful Lesson of the I

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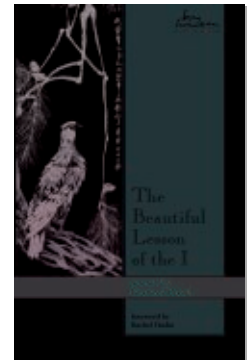
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## GLOBE

I am trying to loosen the miniature globe  
that is grafted at my waist.  
It is lighter than the smallest drop of water  
even as it increases to the size of a balloon,  
it will out-grow my middle  
like the acorn of a uterus with channels  
and rivers to feed the weightless embryo  
lodged in its pastel-colored cartouche,  
moving slightly, left to right  
like shifting water, thoughtfully,  
but in air; it reminds me of a Japanese lantern  
stretching out of crepe paper  
and drenched rags, webbed  
into film of a porous cloud,  
or a toy moon with puckered landmasses  
stirred from the substanceless  
envelope where something is preserved  
but made small enough to go unnoticed.