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It appears I have found
my calling,
dancing here around the fire of your tongue
trying to douse your hot spots
with this cold bucket of a mouth.

II.

Or maybe it is compassion
that is driving me to siphon
away your precious water.
A driving desire to have
your currents spread equally among
the droughtweary.
My benevolent smile is spread wet
and full like two heavy sponges
across the dam of my teeth as
I stand over your withered husk.

III.

How about this:
Jealous of the sky
I carried you to the desert
where my talents were unique.

--Jason Templin