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B L E S S I N G

To open a blessing,
begin with *less*.

Notice the absence.
Observe the grief.

Embrace fog hovering
over a pasture,

your fingers dampened
with something lost—

perhaps the taste of salt,
the heat of chili peppers

washed away.
Watch for the water's mouth

as it draws closed around
the rising heron's foot.

To close a blessing,
sing.