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Not words, not music or rhyme I want. . . . not
custom or lecture, not even the best,
Only the lull I like, the hum of your valved voice.

—*Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself"*