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Moving Light

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For hours I have watched
the shadows of my own limbs,
My first memory
is of a creek of light.
I don't know how old
I was, for it was
in that magical crack
of life's dawn where
clocks and calendars,
and measures that cut
the body, and
compartmentalise the soul
and twist it till it fits
a perfect shape,
did not yet exist.
It is only a flash,
a nanosecond recollection,
of a ray of sun resting
in that shifting plash,
but I'm surer of it
than anything I've known
or felt since, even breath.
Let them not tell
your first memory is a lie,
let them not trample
on its immeasurable significance,
let them not sever the

ties that bind you to wonder
and imagination and the startling
breath stopping brilliance of the universe.
Claim your memories
Begin with the first.