

## **Outside of Lines: Nature and the Imagination in Moments of Wreckage**

“everything has a border doesn’t it? the edge where light can not get in/ until joy knows the original wound.” –Brenda Hillman

“Recognition of the connectivity with worlds beyond the human is revealed as a necessity of spiritual and physical survival.” –Camille Dungy

“There is no abstraction in nature—only bed-rock reality—it is.” –Jorie Graham

“A poem is a gesture toward home” –Jericho Brown

“Every act of writing—every state—is a practice to overcome the very impulse in myself, which is in everyone, to turn away.” –Jorie Graham

“...no poet is obliged to write about a place. Maybe their place is their shelter from the forces. And the forces generally can’t be avoided in the writing.” –C.D. Wright

### **On the Imagination:**

“Poetry performs a balancing act between reality and the imaginative forces in a poem.” –Barbara Guest

“Imagination makes people feel, rather than know.” –Jorie Graham

“The artist uses the imagination to impose order on chaos.” –Gloria Anzaldúa