Like the heart

(for Nansi Morgan)

Like the heart or the mountain painted again
and again by Cézanne

she will not mind what I mean
to myself or anyone.

To her, as to wind, sand and stars
or Mont Saint-Victoire,

I shall come to learn
to be alone,

articulate. She will allow me to listen.

She will allow me to live without consolation.

Gillian Allnutt

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