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## **Turtle Parable**

This tom day  
I came upon a turtle upside down  
swimming the breeze.  
We talked for awhile.

He told me about the hill.  
“Unnegotiable,” he said.  
I nodded. “I, too  
work for a living,”  
I told him about the city.

“Give it up,” he said  
and we turned each other over.