

Being Towards the World

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with this organic trauma and this visceral joy.

The body senses world and saves world.
Its experiences make up the complex structure of the selves
we use to negotiate life.

Bodies, unruly, defiant and fractured, insistently plastic and
stubbornly present, carry forth their memories in
unpredictable ways.

This vessel of present identities and past becomings
is moved
by what has occurred to it while itself occurring onto others.

*My body
Writes into your flesh
The poem
You make of me.¹*

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¹ Audre Lorde