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# Stand Your Ground // Whitney Paul

I looked for you between  
rocks of Jack and honey,  
you were never sweeter.  
Chasing toothpaste dinosaurs  
(down oxidized drains)  
with regurgitation and  
Ethanol infused names.  
Roaring out *Salutations*  
to stark white porcelain  
men. Who will be rewarded  
(because they lack melanin)  
for the boys they're collecting.

I looked for you between rocks  
of nothing. And your pillar read:  
*Honey,*  
As if, "*you were never sweeter.*"