

FOLLOWING GOLD

I left my home for a new story,
my heart heavy with questions.

What is chance and what is fate? What fortune
lies in rivers in slumbering wait?

No map brought me here – just tales
gilded in promises. I am

a rival among strangers, determined to turn
the earth inside out until my luck has changed.

I follow gold. Sometimes I am lucky
and meet its gaze and hold it close.

I am looking for a future, for my own
share of the light. The river offers few clues.

This is how you learn to walk alone.
This is how you write your story.

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