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Telling you, Salma, about many things that begin with the question of robbery and end with the question of the secret with God.

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Salma, who is the robber of astonishment?
While hearts age and the water's surface remains most powerful,
I write you, little girl, I write you as mother or grandmother.
To tell you about natural disasters
Or about a hole between the eyes,
About a memory that, should you carry it - a river will flow in you,
About a desert, whether you had left it or not,
And about the Return, before things end,
To tell you about the right to a true farewell, worthy of today's sun,
To tell you about the ugly concessions
And the beautiful ones,
About the words and their synonyms when I want to reach my goal.
Salma,
Do you share a secret with God?

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