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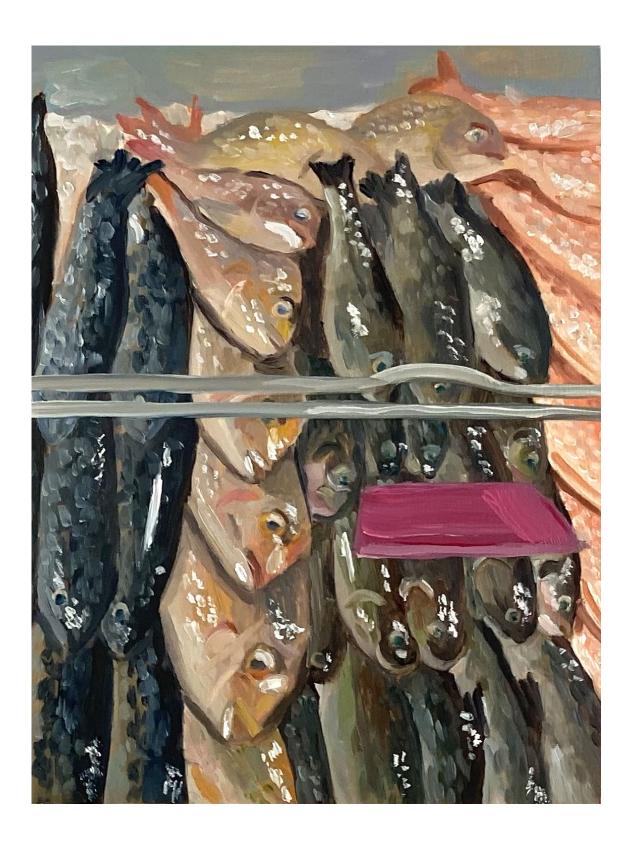
Dear Saint Theresa,

You were doctor: I doctor Myself. I doctorly decorum. Was there a day you chose to reach into your core and make it new? I feel the beating Heart of beating pain, beating me Alive. Is there anything else to remind you of life-love? I ate fig and tried. Sweetness, oh life, etc. In reality, people are sweeter than they seem on internet. All feet. And mouths. And speak, opening day up. I forgot I could stand Up in a room and pronounce still. Myself. I forgot the art. Shier than before, I accept it. Like going to school first Time, learning to speak. Okay so this is pedagogical. I made promise to get better.

Dear Saint Theresa,

How can you be in pain for years on end without End? I didn't Know Istrove to seek to strove to dove. The doves beckoned. No, they didn't idiot. You don't even know words for birds. You wouldn't even know a bird for a word. You wouldn't talk to a bird. You wouldn't talk to anyone about anything. But then again, who is good enough to hear things? Not I. I wouldn't expect anyone to get me at an airport, I wouldn't expect someone to find me worth a car. I wouldn't expect you to pull a Toyota out of a garage to pull me into its backseat.

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