

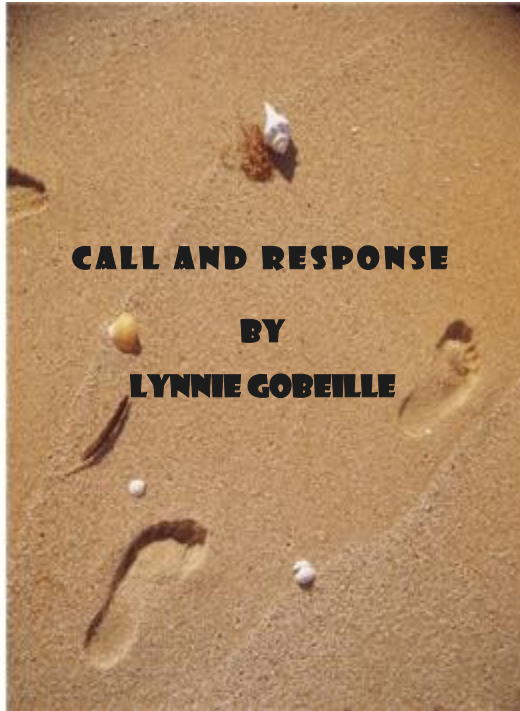
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Origami Poetry Project

**CALL AND RESPONSE**  
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**message in a bottle**

the orange sits  
dead center  
in the  
home made  
wooden bowl.  
the same bowl created  
by the children  
all those years ago.  
i am too old to  
learn new skills  
do not know how  
to text nor twitter

Yes, it was a fine day.  
Two poems written  
No hearts broken.  
The image of you floating  
off Gaspée Point  
amongst all those swans...  
stayed with me all last night.  
*Flapping their huge wings*  
I could hear them  
singing to you  
of all things poetry  
and magic  
I fell asleep missing you  
lulled by thoughts  
of wind and water.

**Call and Response**

Very glad to hear  
of your fine day!  
*I spent mine kayaking*  
off Gaspée Point  
with a flock of  
at least 100 swans.  
Sometimes  
they would fly right by me  
in groups of 3 or 4.  
*They are huge*  
& their flapping wings  
are really loud so close.

my lectures replaced  
by choices  
and decisions  
made defiantly  
without my help.  
the orange sits  
dead center  
in our  
wooden bowl.  
the lone piece remaining  
from last weeks  
shopping trip.  
i'd forgotten  
it was you  
who loved  
their sweetness,  
not the kids.

nor do i believe  
you can receive  
these messages  
in heaven.  
if you could  
hear me  
i'd send  
an S.O.S  
for guidance.  
i have run out  
of bubble wrap  
and no-fo wishes  
lack further resources  
to keep our children safe.  
they're old now.  
won't sit to listen.