When it Rains, Water Pools Above the Cracks in the Sidewalk

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Ask the fish to speak
and he will speak.

When he swims
and surfaces to snack on a resting fly,
ask the fish to speak.

When he is hooked
and ripped from the mountain stream,
ask the fish to speak.

When he is gutted
and stripped of his loins and scales,
ask the fish to speak.

When he is baked
and served beside two slices of lemon,
ask the fish to speak.

When he is digested
and composted into the ground,
ask the fish to speak.

When others ask,
do not tell anyone his story—
for if you ask the fish to speak,
he will speak.