

**Susan Tepper**

Pact

Over and over the sun comes out  
A pact between the  
moon and stars, you say—

I can only believe what I believe

When waking, my eyelids dusted  
is that from the moon?

You are the one who leads me,  
takes me into the wet fields and  
points to blackness surrounding  
what time has been left—

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