DEAR BODY OF WATER
: call & response :

from Great Salt Lake
to watersheds across the globe

* *Remember to add a postage stamp*
when you mail your postcard!

University of Arizona Poetry Center
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For more about this poetic
water-harvesting project, visit:
gretchenhenderson.com/dear-body-of-water

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed are 6 postcards
(*or: download project template to make your own*)
~ please host a water party!

What body of water is dear to you?

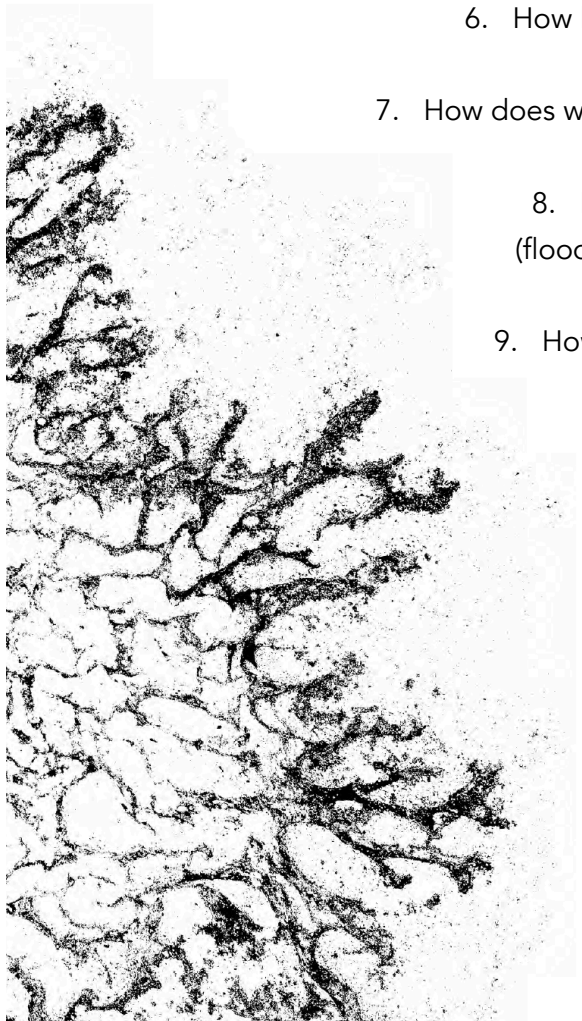
1. Invite 5 friends. Each write a love letter to any body of water.

2. This water—sea, river, aquifer—may live anywhere on the planet.

3. Share your love letters with each other. Read aloud or silently.

4. Discuss: How will you care for water and for each other to grow care? **More questions within, if you open* →

5. Mail your postcards to UA Poetry Center!



A Field Guide
Dear Body of Water
Questions for orientation:

1. Locate yourself in relation to a body of water.

2. Can you draw the bounds of your watershed?

3. Trace waters that you drink to their source.

4. What bodies of water once existed near your home and left their imprint?

5. How do you relate, as a body of water, to fellow bodies of water (aquifer, stream, river, ocean)?

6. How has your history been shaped by water?

7. How does water flow through stories of those around you?

8. How does water assert force of life (flood, drought, more) across the planet?

9. How do you listen to the voice of water?

10. How will you live today?