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Powerlessness

How many times have I written the following poem?

O
terrible astonishment:

I
am
here
while the sufferer is
there—

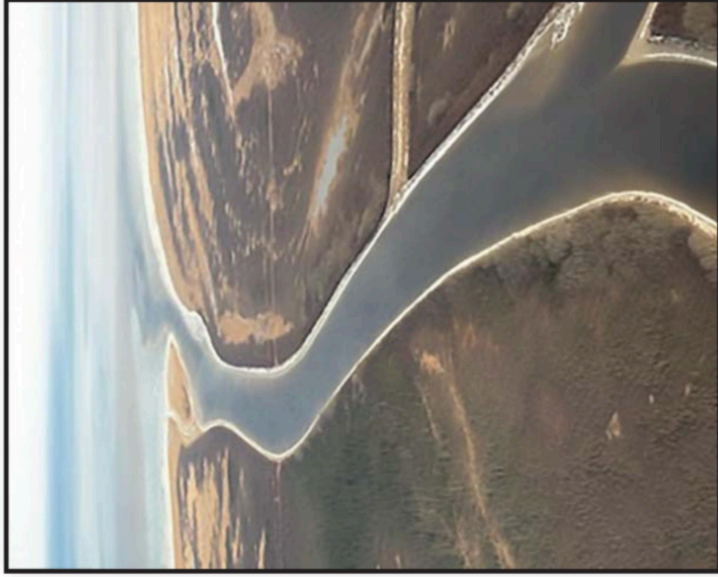
with me
and...

but...

over there.

How many more times will I write it?

This poem will appear this spring in his new collection,
The Wren (House of Anansi Press, 2026)



Julie Abochar
– River Draining into James Bay