u n e x p e c t e d y e t d e e p l y f a m i l i a r

w o n d e r

verb.

“rapt attention at something awesomely mysterious or new to one’s experience”

to wish to know

noun.

“a cause of astonishment or admiration”

“a feeling of reassuring uncertainty”

playfulness *strangeness* *the magical* *the micro* *the fleeting* *limitlessness*



hop

to and skip

when rules subside

playfulness

Turtle Stepping Stones, Kamo River, Kyoto

to design for laughter

to make space for the uncanny



strangeness

the hole in the muck
where the clam resides







eyes peeled





Paul Klee, *Fish Magic*

to choreograph coincidences

the magical

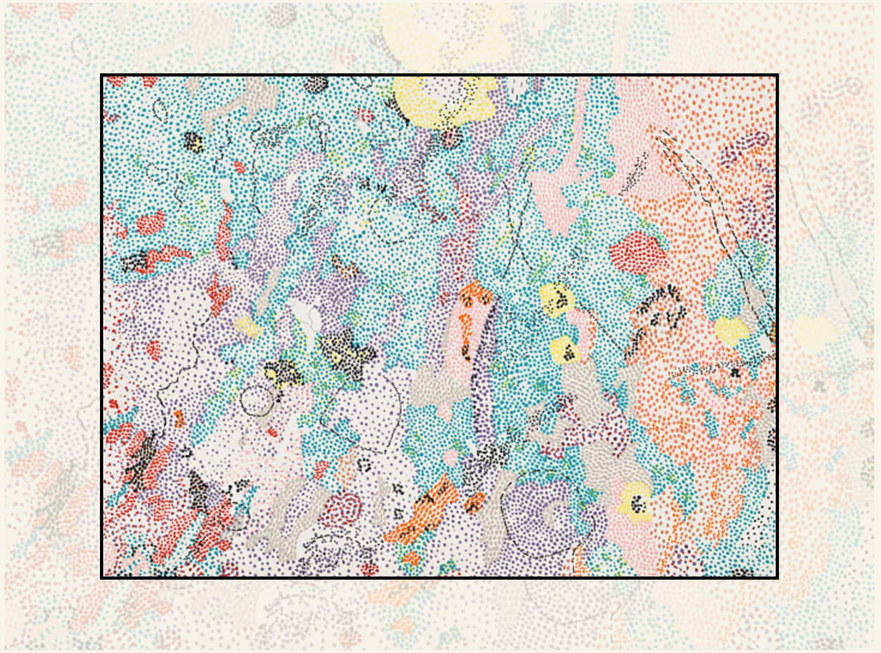
a glimmer of sunlight in the
corner of your eye



to know a boulder covered and
uncovered by the tide

a miniature world

a secret vastness



Nancy Graves, Lunar Mappings

the micro

to design for invisible life

the fleeting

a thin snowfall



to center the brief, spectacular moments

Hiroshi Sugimoto, *Seascapes*

limitlessness

when the how-of-it-all
is irrelevant

an unfathomable whole

to nod to a beyond

Gustave Le Gray, *The Sun at Zenith*

Everywhere has wonder.

And still, we find ourselves hungry for the vivifying sensation it brings.

As landscape designers we aim to be sensitive to a place and all the ways that wonder exists there.

We wish to reveal and amplify the wonder present in a place, to build upon people’s connections there, to strengthen a sense of belonging.

Wonder is a paradoxical mixture of the unexpected and the deeply familiar; it is omnipresent yet ever-shifting, bubbling yet submerged.

What is a world in which wonder is cared for?

Alex Daley
Alex Fry
Alex Heald
Ruth Shatkay

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