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-Tricia Cimera-

The next time he asks her  
    she is floating languidly  
in a pond

    Her hair moves  
with the rushes,  
    her eyes murky  
and muddy.

    As he leans over,  
her eyes suddenly clear.

    He sees himself  
reflected.

    Smiling, her lips part.  
Bending close he *almost* hears  
    the answer she  
whispers.

    He lifts her hand out but  
she dissolves into sand,  
    trickling into the pond  
where she becomes a fish  
    that swims away  
with a twitch of its tail;  
    can't be caught,  
He shuts his eyes.

    When he opens them,  
another thousand years  
    have come and gone.

Still he wonders,  
    *What does she want?*