

**KASEY JUEDS**

**Talisman**

As the small-leaved, small-  
yellow-flowered plant

is said to be, against witches  
and thunder. So lines painted

on the stone in your palm mean  
*a time of waiting*. All night

the deer build the house  
with their breath, the long

grass flattened beneath  
their sleep. Big bluestem,

little bluestem, invisible seam  
of river behind trees. You can close

your hand over the stone until  
it swallows your heat, or search

for lost things in this  
shallow water and find them

one by one by one.