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For

my mother, Mary Alexander,

and in loving memory of my father,

George Alexander (1921–98)

Name me a word

Great, simple, vast as the sky

A word that has, like the intimate hand

Of the woman I have loved forever,

Washed the dirty innards of history.

—JIBANANANDA DAS,

“Name Me a Word” (“Amake ekta katha dao”)