

# Xerophilous

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*adj.* Drought-loving; able withstand the absence  
or lack of moisture.

I am an island,  
Surrounded by an ocean.  
Adrift in water I can't drink.  
I am a leaf,  
Drifting serenely,  
Towards a tempest.  
I am a suitcase,  
Occasionally carried.  
Rarely fulfilled.  
I am a rock,  
Hoping to be noticed,  
Lost amongst the sand.  
I am xerophilous,  
Waiting my entire life,  
For love's gentle rain.  
I am a typo,  
Beautiful and different and waiting to be discovered,  
Amongst a dictionary's deluge of words.

—Mike Beatty