

I would rather be water  
able to hold an object without  
destroying it and often thought  
well of, by more than the  
occasional cook or glass  
blower.

No one ever dips their toe  
in me and says, oh, the fire's  
just right. Or let's take the day  
off and go to the fire. No one  
ever plays "fire sports."

Of course no president's  
grave is presided over by the  
eternal drip.

# Fire

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