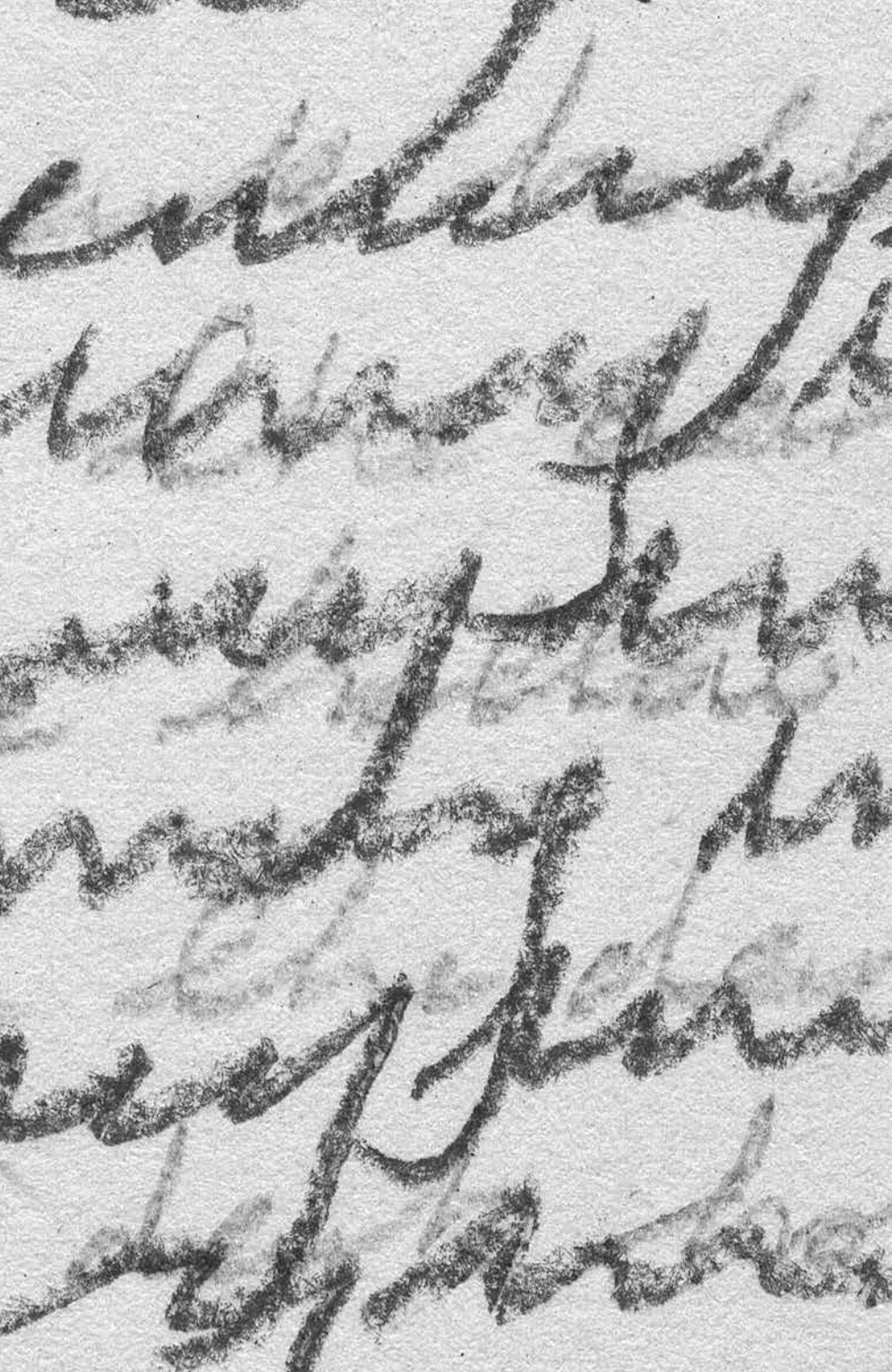


A close-up, black and white photograph of a piece of paper. The paper is covered with dense, overlapping, handwritten-style scribbles in dark ink or charcoal. The scribbles are thick and textured, with many loops and sharp turns, creating a complex, almost abstract pattern. The background is a light, mottled gray, and the overall image has a grainy, high-contrast appearance.



þe comlokest to discrye
þer glent with y3en gray

discrye] discry: *rewritten, over stain, in another hand*
glent] e: *in darker ink over another letter* y3en] n: *rewritten*

the truth
on my lips
the truth
the truth
the truth

This image shows a close-up of a piece of paper with very faint, illegible handwriting. The text appears to be bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The ink is light and the script is cursive, but the words are not discernible. The paper has a slightly textured appearance.

D A R K

H O L L O W

D A R K

A Chant in Seven Parts

Richard

Skelton

CORBEL

STONE

PRESS

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I

9

its dark motion like a chant

the end

the end

the end

the end

the end

Handwritten text, likely a signature or initials, appearing as "N. L. de" and "N. L. de" in a cursive script.

I

I am in the dark hollow the dark hollow
the dark hollow I am in the dark hollow
the dark hollow the hollow dark
and

I see the seven worlds the seven worlds
the seven worlds or underworlds
and the first world its medium is *fire*
and the second world its medium is *flame*
and the third world its medium is *burning*
and the fourth world its medium is *suns*
and the fifth world its medium is *stars*
and the sixth world its medium is *ash*
and the seventh world its medium is *smoke*
and

the four bodies of water flowing
the four bodies of water flowing
the four bodies flowing around them
the seven worlds
flowing around them
and emptying into the west

flowing through an opening in the sky

flowing flowing

flowing through an opening in the dark

flowing the dark *flowing the dark*

flowing flowing

I am flowing in the dark

I am lost lost in the dark lost I am an island lost

in the dark lost I am an island lost an island lost

lost in the infinite

I am lost lost an yland loste

in the flowing water

the vaulting water

the vaulting lost

the lost lost flowing flowing

and

yes that substance *yes* that crystalline substance

that dwells in the eyes

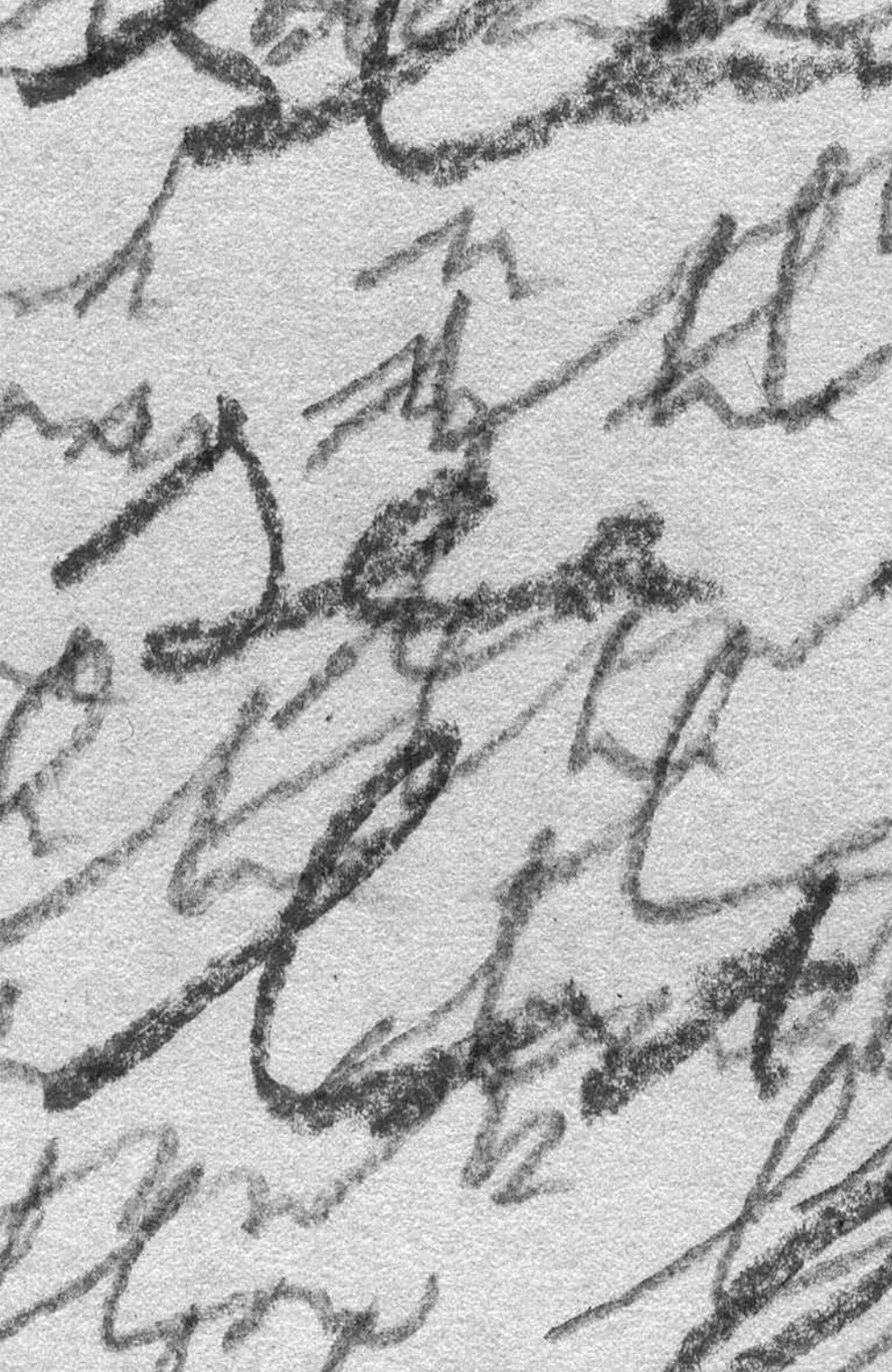
that dwells in the eyes

and exalts on meeting shining things

yes exalts on shining things

but there are no shining things

no bright things *yes*



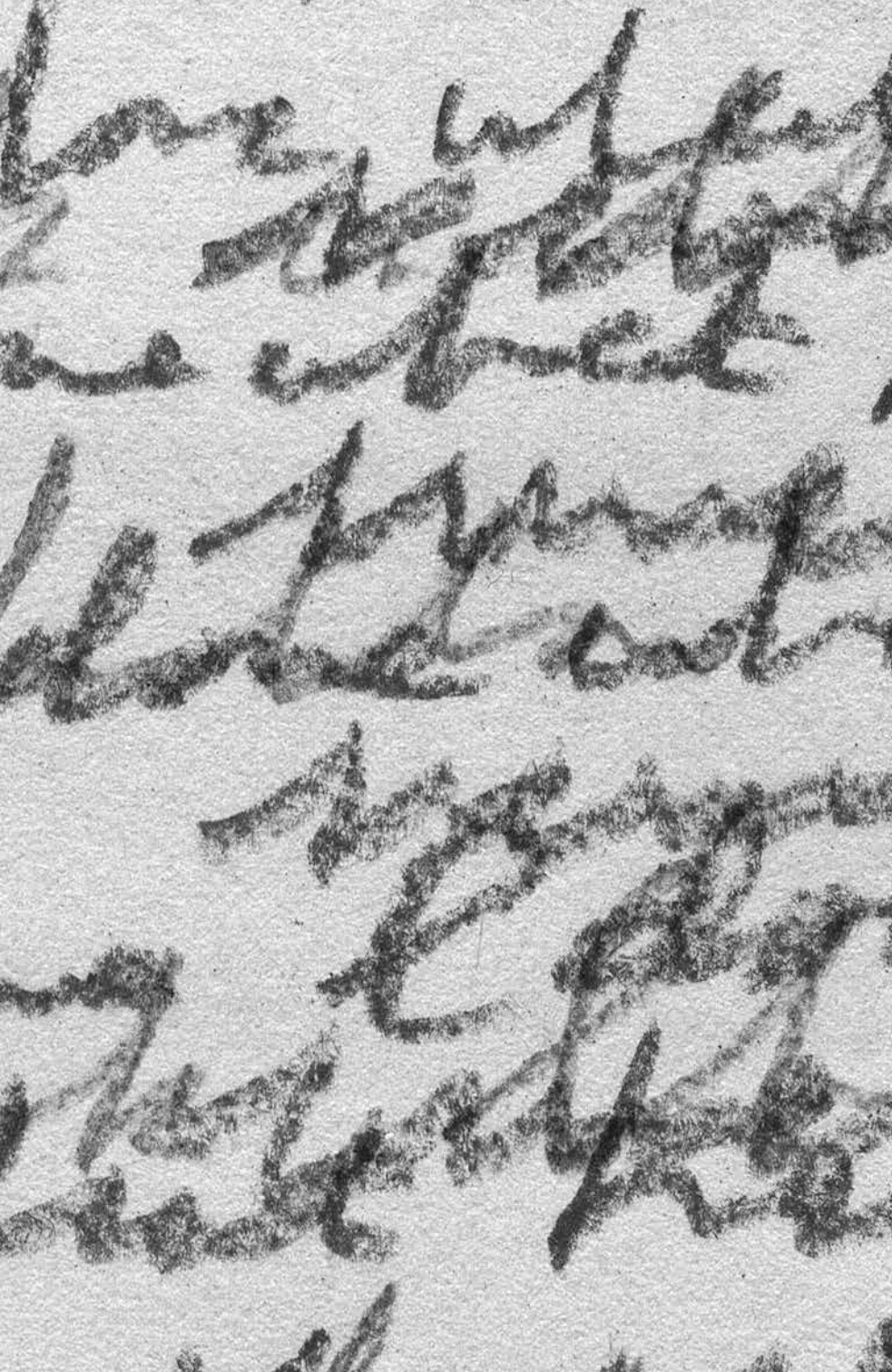
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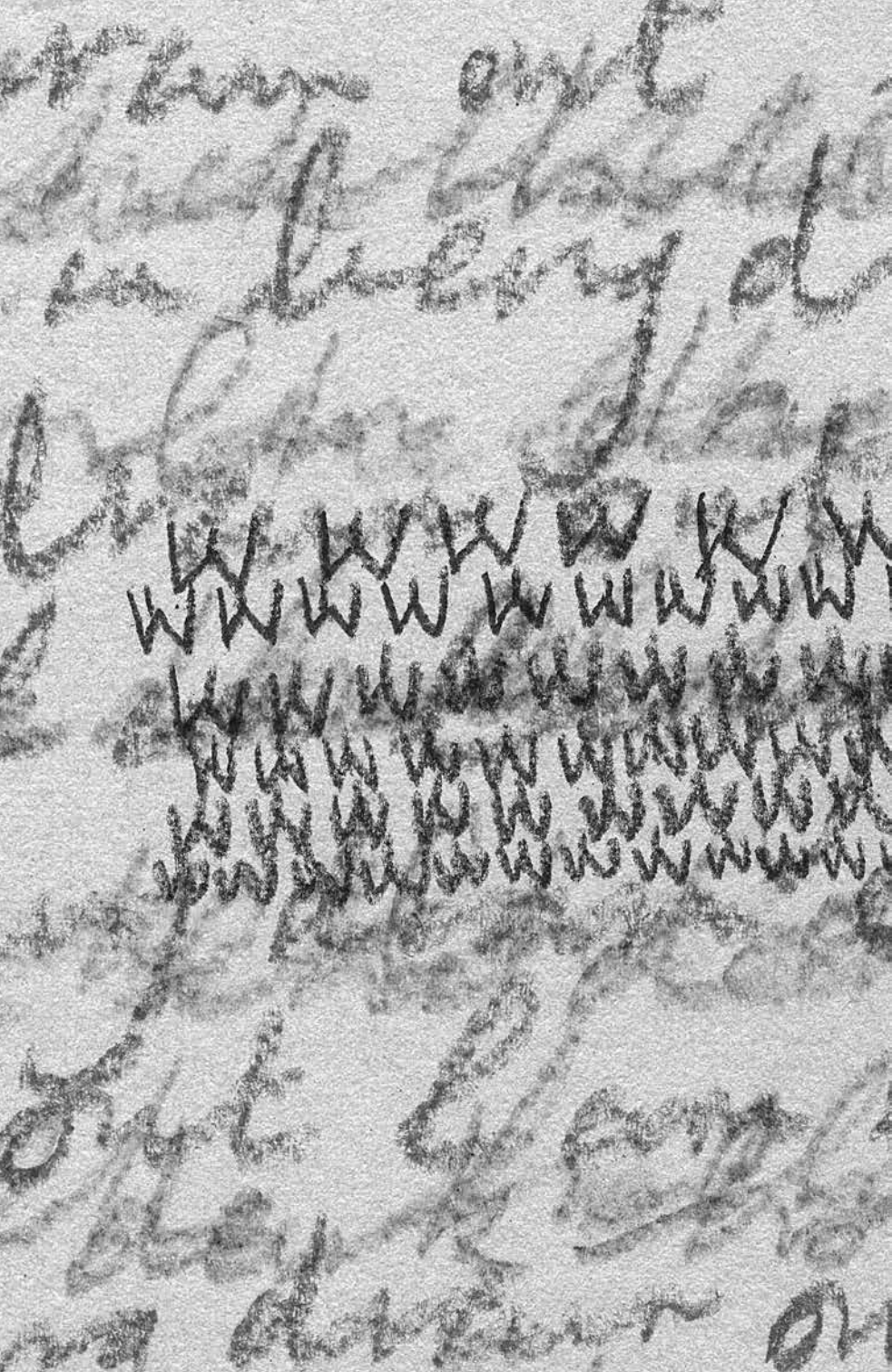
the

the

in all the seven worlds the seven worlds
the seven worlds or underworlds
yes no bright things left *except her*
no bright things left *except her*
no bright things left *except her*
in all the seven worlds *except her*
no bright things left *except her*
no bright things left *except her*
in all the seven worlds *except her*
and her face dissolved and held in night
when the last leaf forsook the tree
and languid suns were seen
and the goddess of the silver bow
the goddess of the silver bow
on the gude grene hill below
the goddess of silver
the goddess of silver
and the suns themselves were dark simulacra
and the suns themselves were dark
for light is invisible *yes*
for light is invisible
and the darkened waters saw the darkened suns

and when the last leaf forsook the tree *the dark*
and whenne the laste leof forsook þe tree *þe darc*
an wanne þe laste lyeaf fursoke þe trei *þe derk*
an wahan þe laste leave forsoke þe trewe *þe durk*
an wehn þe last live forsok þe trouȝh *þe deork*
an hwon þe laste life forsok þe truwe *þe deorc*
an wonne þe laste life forsok þe true *þe deorc*
and one þe last life þe goddess of silver
and one þe lost life þe goddess of silver
þe goddess of silver
þe goddess of silver
þe goddess of silfer
þe goddesse of silvire
þe goidesse of silfire
þe goddesse of sil fire
þe goddess of fire
the fire goddess
the fire goddess
fire goddess
fire goddess
fire
and





yes and I am touched by *her* fire
yes I am touched by *her* fire
yes and I am fire
yes I am fire
a burning mirror *yes*
a burning mirror *yes*
a burning mirror *yes*
and through the hollow reed *the flame*
and through the hollow reed *the flame*
and through the hollow reed *the flame*
a great body rising and falling
a great body rising and falling
rising and falling
rising and falling
a great body rising
a great body falling
deep below the surface
falling
deep below
falling
a great body
falling

a great body
falling
the body of a star falling
and the earth a star falling
a great bird falling
a great bird falling
a great bird falling
unable to fly
and
that face rising
that face rising
the face that is dissolved rising
the face that is dissolved rising
the face that is dissolved and held in night rising
and gone gone rising and gone
and something indistinct scrawled
something faintly heard scrawled
something faintly heard
climbing
and

make bottles
the center
the center
the center
the center

I have been thinking of you
 very much lately and
 wondering how you are
 getting on. I hope you
 are well and happy. I
 have been very busy
 lately but I will write
 to you soon. I love you
 very much.