



Response is situated in the *relational*,

To be able to respond to another,

To hear the other call and to answer.

Call ↔ Response

To respond is to turn toward the face of another —

To pause, to turn, to listen.

First,

listen.

Listen,

*The magpies are gathered around the body of their dead kin —
they press their beaks to broken bones, then turn their faces to the sky, and howl.*

To respond is to turn toward the face of another,

To pause, to turn, to look.

First,

look.

Look,

*The turkey vulture is on the side of the road — eating the broken body, she performs the
final rites, she cleanses the body, she transforms death into compost, the stuff of life.*

To respond is to turn toward the face of another,

To stop, to turn, to

Bear witness.

First,

Bear witness.

