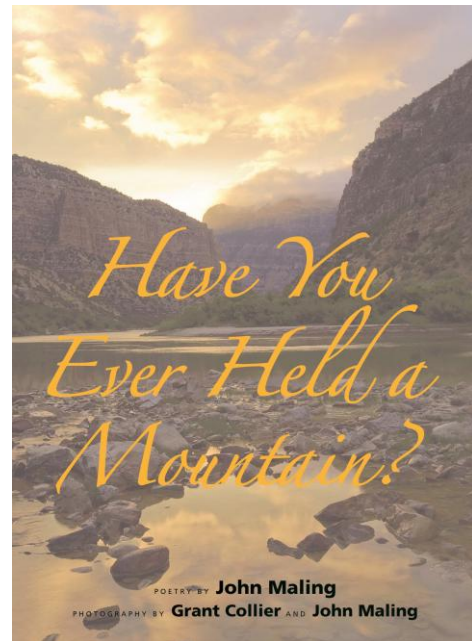




## Have You Ever Held a Mountain? by John Maling

Have you ever held a mountain  
Cupped it gently in your hand  
Felt the texture of its ridges  
Sifted slow its granite sand  
Brushed its trees and touched its meadows  
Heard its glaciers grinding down  
Felt wet and rocky muscle  
Under flesh of green and brown?

Have you seized the racing streamers  
Building into thunderheads  
Wrung down rain and lightning  
Onto steep and rocky beds  
Transformed days of brilliant light  
With mist and falling snow  
Dusted stubborn cracking cliffs  
With red orange sunset glow?



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