

Life Force
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My neighbour called me an Angel of Mercy
for drowning the injured mouse, I found on my lawn
but she didn't see it struggle for life
throw out its little legs in its effort to live
as I held it under the water
in the stone bird bath.

How adamant it was for life.

I've heard people tell me
about wanting to die,
anguish in their eyes
I try to keep them afloat
with words

impart the life force that even
the smallest dying creature has.