

## Wind Rushes the Road

Below a cloud-raked sky  
Bradford Pears and Wild Plums bloom  
At either side of the road.  
But the tires know this road  
Tells white lies.  
Twisted words only years heal.

The road swears I avoided sink holes,  
Pot holes, erosion eating the road,  
Yet my mind gave in to splintered words  
Of undergods, pretending to check  
Speed limits and detours recommended.

The starling flying by with a twig  
In her beak holds a peace sign.  
The possum crossing the road  
Without harm, a sign of luck.

I avoid my reflection in store windows,  
Call on my ancestors as far back  
As the beginning of truth,  
Believe it is impossible to die.

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## Let Go of Earth

As summer fades like love,  
Petunias, impatiens hang heads,  
Let go of earth. Only love sees you  
Beautiful as skin sags, wrinkles,  
As hydrangeas rust and droop. Listen  
To my friend's words: Don't fight  
Against getting old. Lean into  
The open, narrow door that leads  
To the light of transcendence.

The light of transcendence  
Leads to the open, narrow door.  
Lean into against getting old,  
Don't fight, my friends words.  
Listen as hydrangeas rust and droop,  
As skin sags, wrinkles beautiful.  
Only love sees you let go of earth.  
Petunias, impatiens hang heads  
Like love as summer fades.

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## The Trapeze Artist

When you scatter the ash of our past  
In front of my feet, I step over it,  
Remember swinging on the trapeze  
Of love and drinking the sugar-rimmed cup  
Of first days. Months percolated  
Between us like fresh-brewed coffee  
Before the poison of carelessness  
Slowly slipped in, convicted our desires  
And exiled them to a country  
I will never see again.

But after rain,  
The air is like a poem about the past,  
White-washed, slaking each leaf,  
Each flower with a blessing  
That empowers the wren to build  
Her nest amid impatiens  
In the window box, that resurrects  
The now dead dressed in movie finery  
To bring joy in the free fall  
Without a safety net.

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