

First Leaves

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AGLOW

The heavens are aflame,
the red carpet
laid across the sky
to honor the leave-taking
of the queenly sun,
in her gingham gowns,
trimmed in clouds of lace.

to honor--
the coming of the sister moon,
princess of the night,
in her gowns of velvet-black
and diamond brocade trim.

fans of branches gently waving goodbye-hello
to the bright duet;
silhouetted black
against the crimson sky
the uplifted arms
of trees in worship,
the knightly heralds
of the luminescent two.

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Mare

Swollen sorrel
on green sea
moves against
blue horizon.
Twitching lips
munch
dewy stalks.
Lazy eyes, half-closed
to the warming sun.
Content
with
life
within.

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Blackbirds

Acrobats in black tights
s w i n g
from the
tree trapeze.
Sailing, they
backdrop
against the blue tent canopy.

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