



# **Endangered Metaphors**

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born with one arm shorter than the other time

the game with  
seven billion players  
one ball

tending my cortex  
hard to tell the weeds  
from the flowers

the blue sky  
blurred by  
green buds  
my brain  
on a tray

ant bearing a leaf and a question

if either of us gets the plague the moon is a barren rock



from inside the Rembrandt the empty museum

the holocaust  
grafted onto my rootstock  
the temperament of trees

barber shop floor  
the unneeded parts  
of string theory

shopping list running out of despair

heavy dawn snowfall  
the coming day's verbs  
changing tense

late evening  
each falling snowflake  
an eyelid closing

rain mixed with snow  
snow mixed with rain  
my higher education

taking the long view in the short time left Sunday drive



the smells at low tide  
an urge to confess  
to something

from frog to tadpole  
the translation  
of my poem

desert gunshot  
the pleistocene echoes  
before the holocene

inutile bibelots  
throughout the B&B  
ceaseless crow cries

morning after  
recycled as metaphors  
the popped balloons

a long life  
the growing weight  
of my genitals

fishing  
throwing back endangered  
metaphors

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