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M. Poe, and Marlene Mountain

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screen door latched
inside a child does homework
contemplates the sky

[illegible]

slight undertow
slowly pulls apart a pair
of kissing fish

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Spring cleaning:
A Christmas card from someone
He doesn't know.

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rainbow
in a whirlwind
the rake lies toothless

early morning breeze
the rusty weathercock squeaks
the farmer awake

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scarlet ibis
stretches its slender neck
spots on a leaf move

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ice cream

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roseate spoonbill
the pool's mirrored reflection
broken by its beak

at the hazardous
waste site
an eight-leaf clover

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Easter in Zaire --
beside a sleeping cheetah
jackrabbit bones

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