



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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