

Richard Peabody – Two Poems

Autumn Crocuses

sublime
where sun
spins to shadow

violet and white tapers
soften a hillside
curve

rusty
yellow
stamen

divine
yoga

Utowana Lake, NY

Black hooded mushrooms
like bear scat along the trail.
Too numerous to avoid. Stinky
in the waffle of my boots.

At the waterfall I delight.
My sore feet in the frigid
mountain water. That rush
of sound revitalizing me. As though

all of the conversations
ever spoken were being said
in one explosive rush. As though
I might actually understand them.

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