

## David Rodgers

### Something

There's something in the woods  
the same thing that hides  
in the closet  
under the bed  
in shadows behind old houses  
among weeds and empty bottles  
in abandoned city lots  
The thing that will not tell  
its name  
hides on the edge of the mind  
just behind the memory  
of late October  
on the smell of burning leaves  
ashes in cold fireplaces  
dead yellow flowers  
just before summer  
begins its reign of terror  
It feeds on forgetfulness  
and grows  
by what falls  
from the turning grindstone of time

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