

## **Kathleen Brewin Lewis**

### **Raven, in the Back of Beyond**

Black bird shines  
in the morning sun,  
strutting the lawn,  
gifting you a dark feather.  
Speak to him,  
he cocks his head, knows  
what you do not know,  
forgives you. With a caw  
and two wingbeats,  
he lifts, leaves you  
yearning to be  
nothing more  
than three pounds  
of iridescent ebony  
trapezing the sky,  
picking pockets  
in the back of beyond.

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