

We Defy Adaptation

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I went looking for you
because love is the only animal
that won't change its shape to survive

the moon hummed in its field
now I hush a wolf's mouth
in the skin of my arm
just to feel the teeth
howling socket

I call the bad moon into view

I have no use
for borrowed light
a certain face in the dark
where no certainty exists

I am staring harder and harder
into my blood's deep
sapphire
on the new snow

emerald eyes circle in the pine shadows

when I first chased wolf
tracks into this frozen forest
I found your fawn
stiff with red ice
a torn out throat
and this song eating its way out

now I am feeding a face



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