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Winter is a filthy habit this planet has acquired
& thoroughly failed to shake.

I have endured another one, rim as grit, stumble
toward a season's turn that
frothing clover. Grass blades glide my grace.

The currawongs swoop, steal my attention.

Pains are sealed in ziploc bags, will pretend
they too are passing. Like there's this bone
I sorted.

The traditional cleanup will not be ruthless this year.
Friends have taught me to defy gravity,
my hands flutter with belief.

-Les Wicks

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