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'the rain' you said 'of a day of a night of a day will wash an orange eye into green grass'
you were right; flowers a bleed of copper

half transparent in the sunlight swim thin as fish

unfurling under thin walls of water; snail shells;

wraith-like under trees;

between blades of grey green grass moss
a mechanical bird;

hops

listens;

hops...

chrome green sap torn from hazel and from thorn stares out through the starting rain

white orange tipped like scorched fern

a butterfly

straggles;

bobs;

zig - zags...

if it settles;

you will stay;

it does not

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