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# Gold Markings

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The days are longer with less light,  
fewer field hands  
and the wild bitters  
of early apples,  
vines in the bending distance  
of freehand meadows,  
a heron in the weeds and still  
the tone we hold is silk  
like the black sixth  
of the Gregorian chants  
you play to keep the night, night.