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## SOUTH TETON, HYPOXIA

Leave the rabbitbrush and low larkspur,  
the harebell and northern sweet vetch,  
fireweed in the burn  
blooming in blunt uproar  
as if the world's wings were red  
but light as the song being made  
by the sage thrasher.  
How unfair that romance  
means only idealized remoteness  
when wild blue flax flames  
through rimrock snow,  
sweet hunger, threshold, full grown  
berries. A midnight earth  
is not orchard enough for me.

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