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## **Brown Trout on the Coming of November**

Two or three leaves escort  
    every caddis that floats overhead  
Through the riffle, black walnuts bob,  
    staining the water sweeter.  
These next days, the last of the sun will reach  
    the stony bottom. In the next pool a deer  
drifts facedown, a spike that broke  
    its leg crossing and drowned.  
I glide between antlers;  
    cheek hairs sway with the water.  
I fin inside his chest,  
    golden sides pressing against  
white ribs, slide out, wander  
    downstream with the rest  
of the year.

*Noah Davis*

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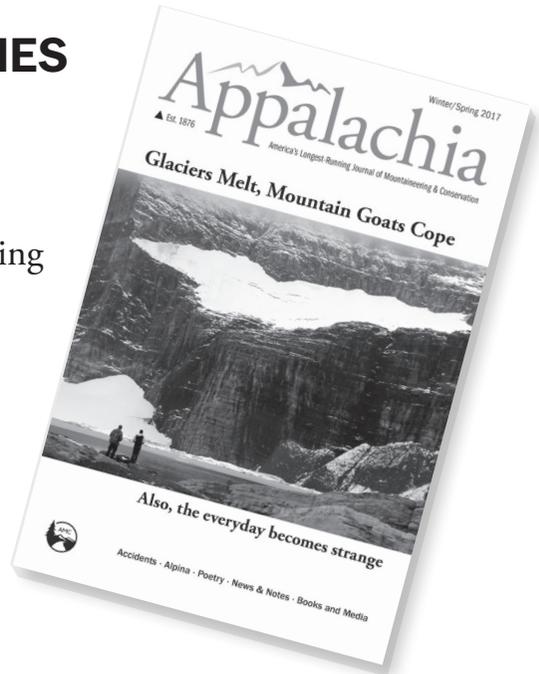
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