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Crossing the Road

I crossed the road
and entered the meadow
and it was all there,
the meadowlark singing
from the top of an old post
and the house behind me vanished,
and the road vanished,
and the sky opened wider and bluer,
and at the end of the meadow
I started down into the deeper woods
with its kindly shade,
and the creek was exactly where it should be,
that cool corridor —

and then, as usual, I woke.

Mary Oliver

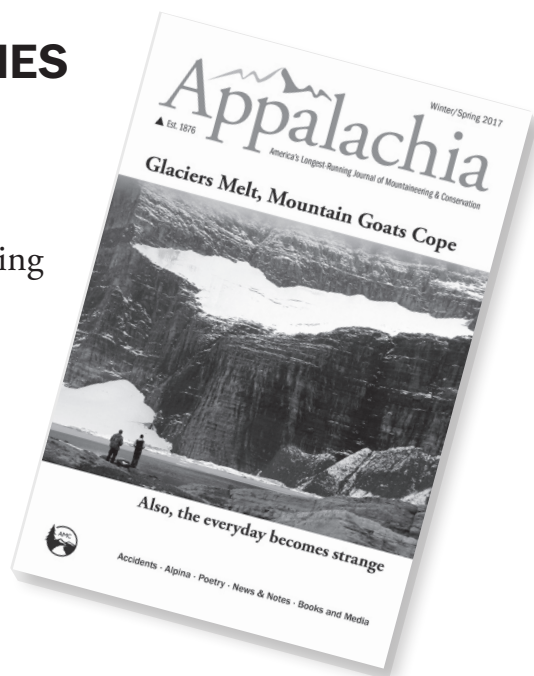
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