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All winter long, we walked on the fallen sky,
walked on clouds until we fell, thigh deep, to earth.
Now the clouds are melting, running down the side of the mountain

in small hidden rivers.

What is it in me that needs melting? What is it that I am scared of?

What do I do with my anger and my hope?

All night long, down the side of the mountain,

waters run together where we cannot see.

The earth, underneath, is awakening.

Once more the tips of the bare tree branches put out new buds
that clasp their small hands together in prayer.

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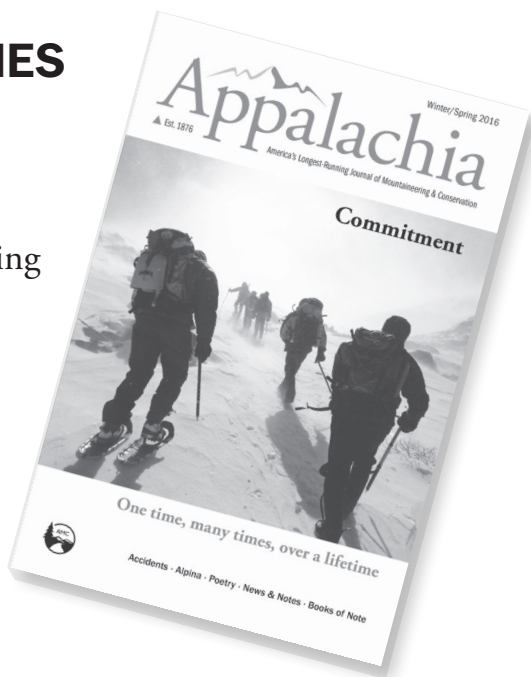
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