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Night of the Owl

Dark on dark in a rainy gloom,
shadow swoops crisscrossed branches,
like a prisoner set loose
after the winds.

Down on a branch she raises a wing,
carelessly sifts feathers
with a beak hooked lethal,
watching me with indifferent eye.

Strange creature abroad
on a night touched by a fractured moon,
inscrutable her intent,
but comforting.

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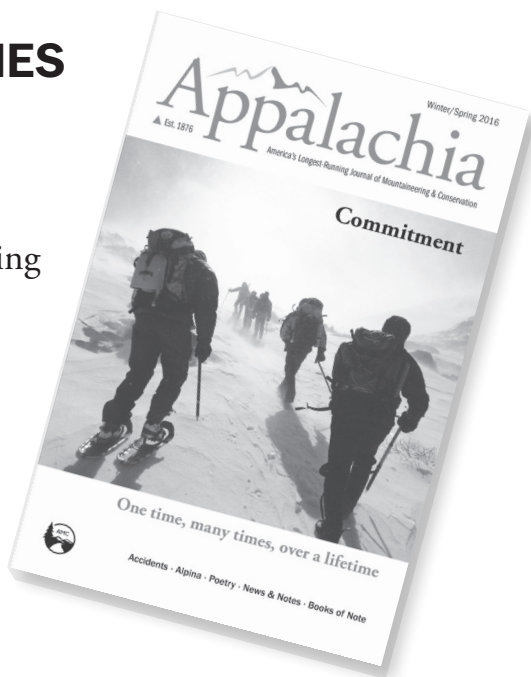
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