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Heresy

I cannot deny God
took the shape
of a bear.

When the Spirit
descended,
a bloodied dove
beat its wings
on the ground.

Four legs
scrambling up
from a gulley
in the earth.

Dark triangle
of a head
appearing,
like a newly risen
soul, wreathed
in mountain
laurel.

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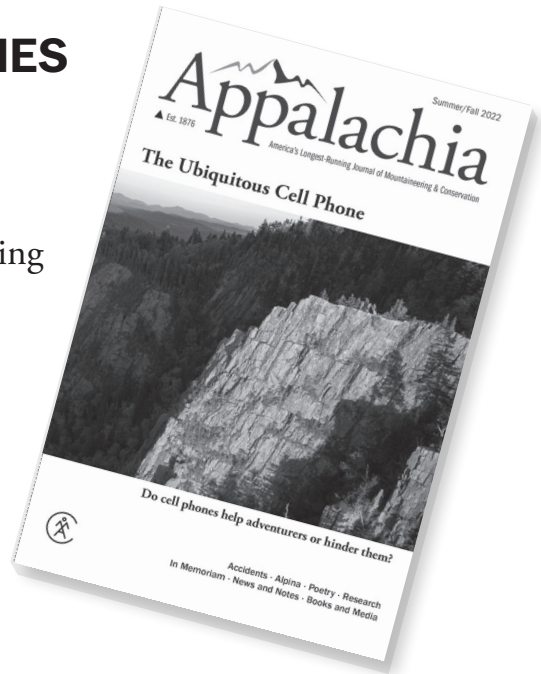
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