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The Harvesters

So long as I'm among the living, I'll love
the ascent, the near hill and the next.
The moving point in this landscape
above farm fields and meadows
is myself. I love my limbs unfolding,
my legs' strength. I love to feel them, worn
and stretched. Below, the river's carved
a curve around a tongue of land.
It's loosening the pasture fence.
Hills above crenulate the slant,
ridge after ridge mounting to the summit.
I feel as yet untried, as if I could
remain as I am and keep climbing
so long as this day lasts, and this terrain.

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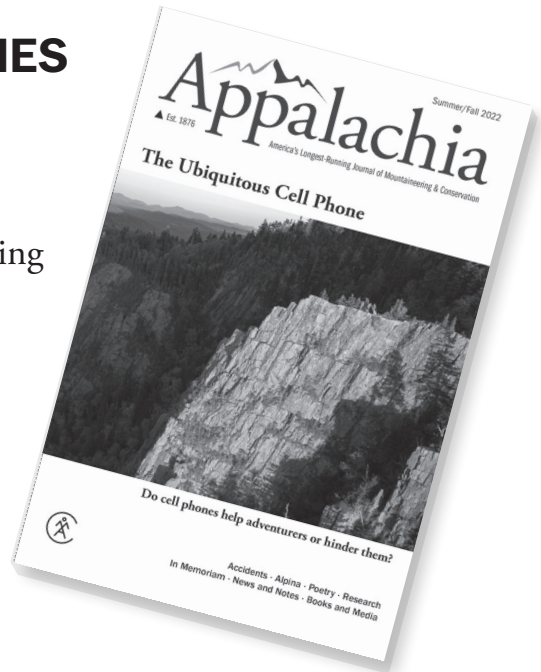
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