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Spring Island, South Carolina

beyond clusters of dark birds hovering
at the edge of sky the wind bends yellow
tipped marsh grass rippling around a rim
of sand uninterrupted waves spilling
one on top of the other as everything
spins into salt into sunlight
houses rise like castles built on sand
each home an alchemy of conquest
fire hope for there is more
light than we can hold the end always
flowing like water what we become
in the diffusion of divinity across
the blind distance light emanates
from a flaming sky this is the world
at war the air is bright and blessed
but the land is bent by hands of fire burning
where islands dream at the edge of sky

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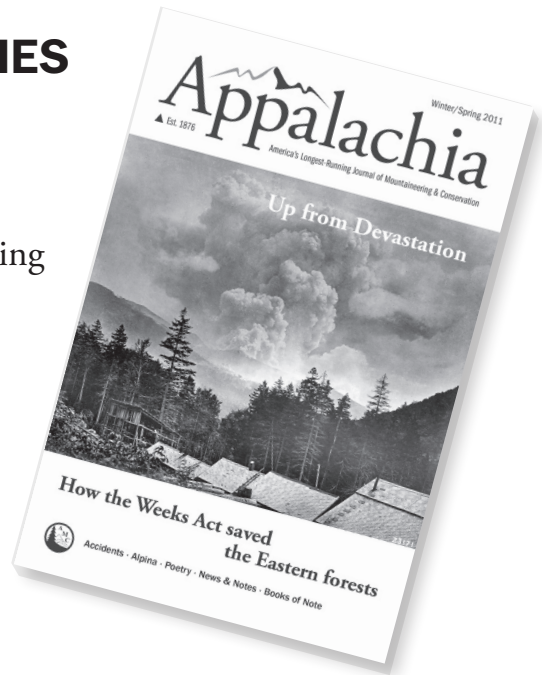
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