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Snappers

Heart-shaped house, bunker of self. raisin head welded to black lake rock below the waterline in sunglass glint, like gabbro stone or clinker ballast.

A night and sleeping cygnets, no more swan-boating, like Lohengrin, but tugged down to Hades like Virgil's navigator, Palinurus, the cost of adventure.

Next day, the reduced troop careers on, trolling blind waters, feathering the gentle arbitrary winds toward swan song and black shoals, sometimes surmounting shadows that must lie in wait.

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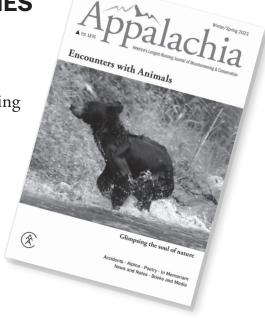
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