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Winter Morning

Crow call in the canyon echoes
in the chill morning air—

yellow-rumped warblers everywhere—
towhee in the toyon—his freckles—

a tree charred by fire two years back.
And mushrooms, white on black,

their fluted gills entire, thrusting
through eucalypt leaves and duff.

It's never enough—not the thrasher's
garbled song, not the phoebe's

crisp chip along the stream bed—
never, never enough.

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