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## Hailstorm in Water Canyon

Black sky  
    cracked by lightning  
rain and hail  
    loosed like a curtain  
falling in slow-motion  
    against dark desert varnish  
of canyon wall  
    churning the silt river to foam  
denting our hats  
    bruising our shoulders  
filling our hands  
    while rainbows and sun  
shine on  
    and the waterfalls begin

*Robin Chapman*

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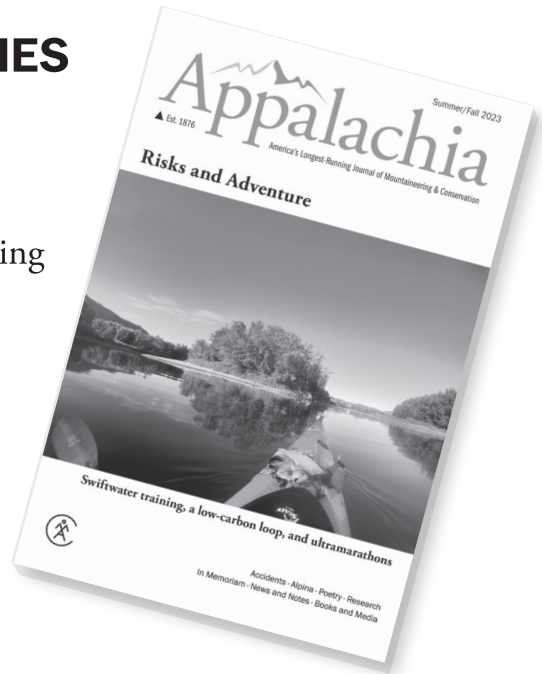
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