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Entering the Kingdom

The glyph of the slug's
body droops
then drops beneath
a cohosh flower's
first gospel.

Ursus has clambered
the narrows
into the hollow
that traps the sun
in early April.

By month's end
azalea's scent
will drape the bed
he sleeps in.

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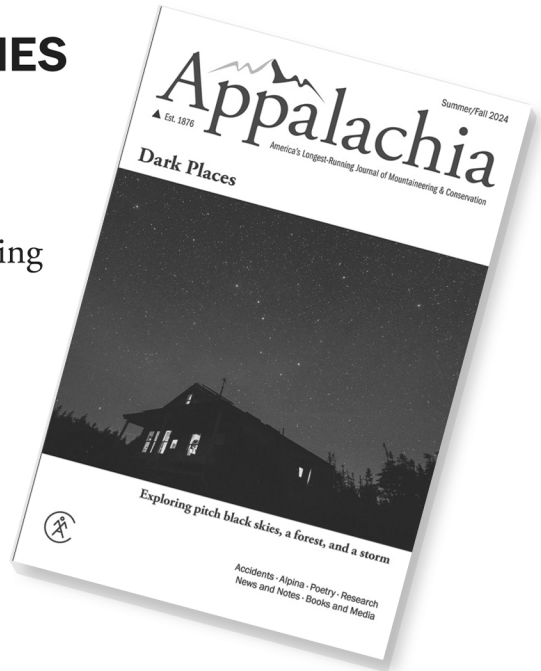
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