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Desert Time

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Night Mantras
The steady electrical hum
of the house. A rat
prowling the patio.
Military helicopters
two by two.
Wind in the pines,
resigned.
Far-off crickets
that never falter—
closer ones that do.

Perseids
Trees of light
fall in the forest
above our heads.

Aubade

Two mourning doves
flutter under eaves,
no place to nest—
but, smitten by spring,
they persist.

Hummingbirds dart
from blooming sage
to red-spiked birds
of paradise.

Long-tailed lizards
glide up rock walls,
peer into crevices,
pose in the sun.

A single cloud
billows higher,
adrift in the blue.

Cholla

Out of sand
light and shadow
manifest

a thorny existence
tracking the sun—

arms skyward
glowing—

Dusk
Ladderback woodpecker
drums a Joshua tree—
the sound
of one beak tapping.
Snake on the Path
We share
the zero moment
of stopping
looking
the graceful
looping back—