

## Vagabond

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when rivers freeze gouging their way to the sea  
and the soft power of a river becomes brittle  
it ceases to caress obstacles  
instead it grinds  
pushing relentlessly  
and if an obstacle  
the size of a mountain  
impedes its way  
accumulated moisture builds until the glacier yields  
a little but scourers the underside of the mountain  
weakening it forever

scarring the landscape  
away from human eyes  
we only see the snow and ice above  
and fail to notice  
its relentless churning beneath

rocks rather than silt are created  
all manner of shapes and sizes from  
a small stone to a giant boulder all flung together

yet this poem was to be about a vagrant  
trespassing on the private property of my life  
a strangely familiar though evasive character

i have heard his strange mutterings  
describing forests of glass trees and sharp  
metal spires, hollow needles and strange  
potions that induce poetic reveries

he wanders around my life and mind, uninvited  
unobtrusive, never presumptuous but content  
to remain in the shadows

from where he came i do not know  
yet he remains though conscious of my presence  
and evades me when i approach  
to hide in some secret place  
a cavern i have yet to discover

at times i almost see his face

before he turns away avoiding confrontation  
but this poem was not to relate this oddity  
or reveal the existence of a vagabond  
it was to be something else  
something that evades the page  
refusing to be imprisoned by language

if only i could get it down in some ethereal form  
it would contest the greats but this vagrant  
somehow prevents the revelation

perhaps if i am patient the landscape  
of ice would thaw and become fertile flowering fields  
with grazing herds and all manner of life  
but it seems i must wait until at least  
i am able to identify this uninvited guest  
trespassing where only i should range

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