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TOUCH OF RENEWAL

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Irish green over the moose rock stratum
tamarack-strumming hands protect
and bring forth new growth
which burgeons over scars left by
logging companies
rock hounds
sea dogs
bod salesmen
god salesmen
cigarette coffins
acid rain clouds
(those sponges soaked in vinegar)
orangemen
babies' screams
the lightning which rips the pericardium
ozone holes
these hands and white pine needles
know each other - soft and flexible
Moss-faced, lichen, resin: a place to rest
Now the west wind
fingers in moss
our flesh transparent to mercy
magpie recycles garbage over there
we rise
your face tickles.

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