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by Anne Thomas

I thank you, Lord,  
    for the clear, cool curve of the invisible sky  
Dissolved in the implausible rust that throbs on the mountainside.

For eyes pooling light, for light glazing grass  
    that quivers under fly leg and wind-lick.  
I thank you for bones plumb between muscles  
    and veins branching unbroken from finger to lung.  
For nerves drinking air and air dusting to night,  
for a face open to the moon.

Though the next night be seared and shattered,  
    this one breathes, pond-dark with stars.