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# PORCUPINE DAYS AND NIGHTS

*by David D. Jensen*



Porcupines sit in the high meadows  
pulling down alfalfa blossoms,  
turning into patches of dark  
brush as the sun dies.

In starlight they climb  
to the tallest tops  
of trees and sleep late.

They dream nice dreams,  
salty shovel-handle dreams.  
They remember things  
in a melting collage  
of ice cream carton memories.

In the afternoon they stretch  
and point their spines sunward.  
They wash their faces  
and smile  
like someone in love.