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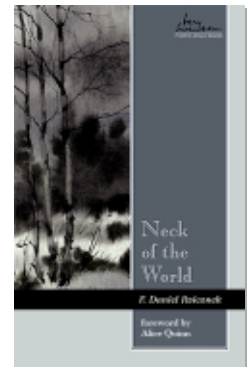
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An egg explodes underwater
and you are above water.
Along the map a tiny breeze hurries.

As Abraham began to lose his memory . . .

The snaking of a moa's neck, somewhere
behind *this*. Deeper
inside the breath-snap of a needle.
Water way up in the atmosphere hasn't felt
land in centuries.

I: the baby seal; disabled, returned
ashore by the orcas.
There is again this longing to be
the animal of the wind.
Buddha with apples raised above his head:
victorious.

A painting about foxes and grapes (a long painting,
perhaps). Some buildings
collapse in flame as two heifers
graze in a meadow.

Mangos are floating in the waves.

Juries of quail wait for an answer,
watch your search.