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## Neck of the World

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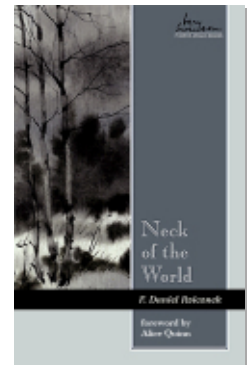
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## FOGLIFTER

We the apple refuse the night,  
its muddied trucks,  
the world outside the orchard.  
We're done with hands,  
their shadows heavy  
across us. The rain  
is what summons. Bullets  
drill coves into the air,  
their creativity missing us completely.  
Somewhere, you are through  
with us as well, through with knives  
drifting our oceanous bodies  
and our hard children  
scuttling like beetles down the drain.  
The rain. A posture among us:  
two flags droop as the soil  
below gapes, the midnight crew  
burying horses again.  
Had we but skeletons  
for what once were our wings  
before they curled tight to the stem,  
we could levitate until sunrise.  
Look at us.  
When we fall it is straight  
and down, the earth swelling a little  
to reap our gravity.