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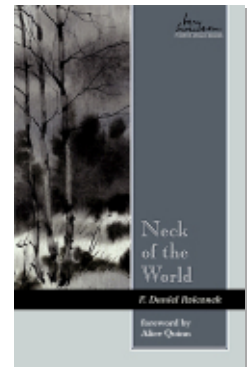
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The dim aubades of pears
release, echo around the tree.
While eating, thoughts motion
out ahead in the day's reserve:
the animal must be carried
forth, lured with feathers,
blue song and gun-shine.
For eons we string animals
up (humans, too) and for years
they die speechlessly down
upon us. Someone told me
flesh makes a bed in quiet,
expansive soil, in cascades
of sweat, even some drunkard's
vision of the self as dove.
No one tells me if the dove
can swim, or will be eaten—
eventually. These rank pears.
A watery daughter I hadn't
dared imagine pleads *goodbye*.