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GENIUS OF FROGS

In the room drawn from rain
    I’ve tied maps to the ceiling
to track the flecks of winter
    in each summer’s sprung instant,
and the notched, pump-handle tail
    of the dusk-scented phoebe
perched on a gutter the wind pulls
    atom by atom apart each night.
Steel tufts of cumulus sweep
    over my charge and yellows
of automobile headlamps snake
    through mountainways beneath.
I mold a calendar from earth,
    arranging the air’s lean mouth
between the sharp flashing of cars,
    the phoebe’s broken path of eggs,
and a slew of dewy eyes tug away
    from one another into the prethought
of legs: the coming-to,
    the disappearance at water’s door.