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ASPEN

It happens
now and then.
I'll be working
in the garden,
numb with the calm
the vegetables bring,
entranced by the still
of morning—and
I'll hear the sound
of water falling down
upon rocks below.
My ears lead my eyes
to the Aspen's glow—
shimmering, quaking
in the first diurnal
thermal to rise
the mountain side.
A chipmunk climbs
the fence post to find
the first warm rays
as my gaze finds
thousands of leaves
dancing in the morning sun
like muffled applause
for the day has begun
and once again
the Aspen
has fooled me.
Once again
no water flows,
it's a stream
of air which runs
as my smile grows
and I return to the rows
my hands black
with earth.