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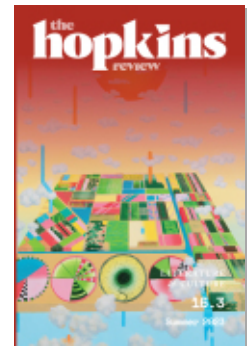
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i walk the judy garland trail
& pause when i feel spirits congeal;
a douche of the soul, the emanation
of those still here like half-eaten deer.
the mother duck halfway to the pines, her broken leg.
when i sing on the shoreline, a call & response
my areolas contract starlike.
the dunes rolling, the waves crashing
remind me i'm not alone
but i'm also alone.
a cloud over me like skin, trying to encase this world
in a viscous membrane.